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Nominating Committee Report

by MARGARET CARLSON

Two weeks of phoning
Have not been in vain.
We've made a collection
Of reasons, excuses preventing election.

"Children too small";
"Children in college";
"Too many clubs";
"Too little knowledge";
"Apartment to rent";
"Lunches to fix";
"Just want to listen;
Too timid to mix."
"Can't talk to people—
Too nervous to try";
"Get someone younger,
More active than I."
"I haven't a car";
"I have indigestion";
"Don't give *me* a job,
But here's a suggestion—"

Before it was done
We'd almost decided
To give up *our* job—
Our minds were divided.
In thinking over
Their reasons for "nay,"
We found *we* had almost
As many as *they!*

So ladies . . .
When we read the list
In conclusion today,
We've one thing to add,
This one thing to say:
"It's a pity!
So few want to serve."
Signed,
Your Nominating Committee,

Jacksonville, Florida

Drama Contest

Western Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service is conducting a drama writing contest. The purpose is to secure a suitable script on Christian service and vocations for presentation at the jurisdiction meeting next October. Methodist college student groups in the West are invited to participate in this venture to challenge youth to accept Christ's call to service in all church-related vocations. Two prizes are offered: one hundred dollars for the first prize; fifty dollars for the second.

The winning drama will be given by a student group on Youth Night at the jurisdiction meeting. Factors to remember are: a forty-five-minute time limit for production; a sanctuary setting. Scripts must be mailed by May 1.

Members of the committee sponsoring the contest include the jurisdiction secretaries working with youth and students: Mrs. Warren Bonner, Missionary Personnel; Mrs. O. R. Zentner, Student Work; Mrs. E. E. Beckman, Youth Work. Further information may be secured from the chairman, Mrs. E. E. Beckman, 5620 South Park Avenue, Tacoma 8, Washington.

International Night

Approximately fifty overseas students from Indiana University, and other guests, were entertained by the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana, at an International Night Dinner, preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. A typical American Thanksgiving dinner was served in Fellowship Hall at the church. The tables were festive with fruits and autumn flowers. Student guests were from India, Thailand, Kenya, Hawaii, Germany, France, Sweden, and the Philippines.

Following the dinner, the master of ceremonies, a graduate student from France, presented twenty-three International Club students in a delightful program based on the music of their native lands. A group of German students sang folk songs, unaccompanied. The program included instrumental and vocal solos with piano and violin accompaniment. There were also stately ritual dances presented in costume. These dances were accompanied by students playing unusual string and percussion instruments.

Only a few of the overseas guests present were Christian Protestants but all expressed their appreciation for an opportunity to share in the good time. The girls were particularly pleased about being asked to wear their beautiful national costumes. The men students who took part on the program were also in native dress.

The Woman's Society and the Guild felt that their efforts were well repaid by the new friendships created, and the good fellowship so generously expressed by everybody.

These women truly make a "joyful noise unto the Lord" as they sing at the monthly meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Eugene, Oregon. Talent otherwise dormant is expressed by these Society members who formed the "Service Singers" taking their name from the pledge, "our prayers, our service, and our gifts." They range in age from a great-grandmother to mothers of preschool children. These women sing music ranging from hymns to complicated four-part selections written for women's voices because they love to sing. Members are so loyal, illness is the only reason for missing the rehearsal held one morning a week.

Calendar of Activities

VICE-PRESIDENT: Be sure every member of the Committee on Program reads and files the article "Program Recipes," pages 23-25 in this issue. Plan to attend district and conference meetings. Present program, "Rapidly Developing Nations." See also article, page 4, March issue, "Christian Responsibility in Areas of Rapid Social Change."

TREASURER: Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare 1959-1960 budget. In preparation for meeting review responsibilities outlined in *Handbook for the Treasurer.** Read also the article, page 28 in the March issue.

PROMOTION: Present the Quadrennial Goals. See page 20, February issue, for a new method of presentation. Compare the Society's progress with that of a year ago. Suggest the use of the playlet, "What's My Line?" to the Committee on Program for circle meetings.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION: Plan for the study, "Understanding Other Cultures." * Present ideas for action after a study of *Isaiah Speaks.** Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day. Urge the use of the new poster idea. See inside covers.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS: Plan for church and community observance of National Family Life Week and May Fellowship Day.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD: Publicize the program of the World Federation of Methodist Women. For items of interest see pages 18-20 in this issue. Make plans for attendance at the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

STUDENT WORK: Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church. Call attention to the pictures of the candidates who were commissioned at the Annual Meeting, pages 26-27.

YOUTH WORK: Provide resources for adult workers in the MYF for the study of "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors." * Use the winter issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin* to enrich the study. See announcement concerning film, page 30, March issue.

CHILDREN'S WORK: Report plans for vacation church school to Woman's Society of Christian Service. Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Life Week and Children's Day.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Meet with the Committee on Spiritual Life and evaluate the effectiveness of the program during the Lenten season.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS: This is the month set for the drive to secure combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Work, work, *work*. Help your district win the banner award. Plan to attend Officers' Training Day.

SUPPLY WORK: If your Society has completed the approved list and want additional Supply Work, write your district or conference Secretary of Supply Work. All Cash for Supply Work must be completed and reported to treasurer before she closes books for the year.

STATUS OF WOMEN: Present to the Society the suggested qualifications for membership on the Woman's Division of Christian Service. See article "Nominations Are in Order," pages 22-23 in March issue. Explain how members are elected to the Board of Missions.

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The Local Church Activities Committee is not a money-raising agency—that is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance.

Local Church Activities Committee includes concerns as:

Visiting church families, shut-ins, and newcomers.

Welcoming people at various church services.

Planning for special fellowship among new and old members such as luncheons, dinners, and teas.

Sharing fellowship functions with church families, youth groups, official boards, church-school workers, and other groups.

Promoting church attendance.

Arranging flowers for church.

Cooperating with Parsonage Committee of the church when asked to do so.

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MISSIONARIES
at the annual meeting

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● Miss Anne Peavy, Miss Margery Mayer, and Miss Mary Jones from Japan prove that missionaries cannot be typed.

● Miss Olive Curry (left) of Kwassui College, Nagasaki, Japan, and Dr. Evelyn Berry, professor of philosophy at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, have much in common. They are both interested in social service work. Dr. Berry is a deaconess.

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● Miss Frances Hackler (center) of Nyadiri, Africa, visits with the Killingsworth sisters who serve in Malaya. Miss Mathilde (left) is treasurer and official correspondent with headquarters in Singapore; Miss Louise teaches in the Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping.

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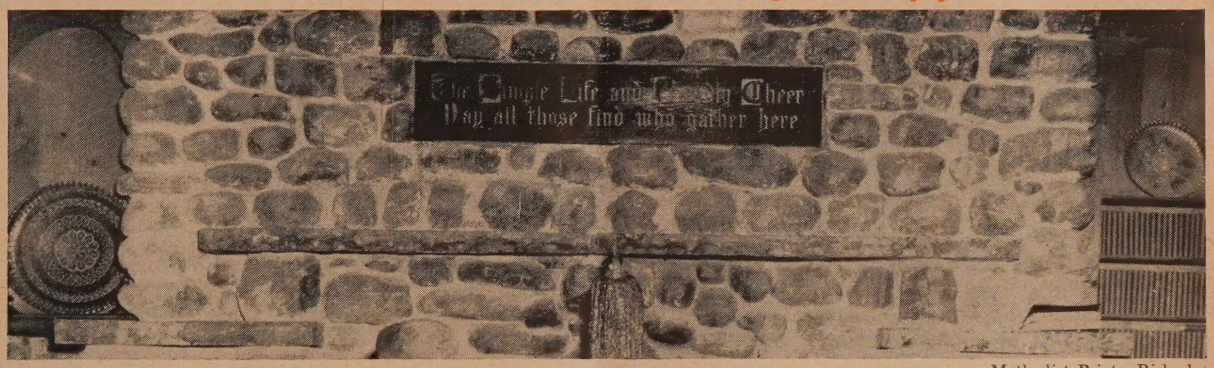
● There is always good fellowship when missionaries get together. Here Miss Edna Hutchens, now on preretirement furlough from India, holds the attention of Mrs. Euline Smith Weems of Korea (standing), Miss Alma Eriksen of Malaya, and Miss Frances Major of India.

Thoughts During Worship

by WORTLEY MOORMAN

The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, is operated by Friends (Quakers). During the annual meetings of the Board of Missions many members join the Friends in their Sunday morning service held in the East Room of The Inn. It is a new experience for most Methodists to worship for a half hour in silent meditation. In this service, there is no ritual, no music, no sermon. The silence is broken only when a worshiper is led to speak.

Miss Moorman, assistant director of Thoburn Terrace in Alhambra, California, attended the annual meeting last year. She recorded some of the thoughts which came to her during the worship period.



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ALL was quiet. The East Room had become a sanctuary. And I thought, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image of any likeness of anything." Square patches of sunshine on the gray carpet were visible reminders of God's love. The silence ministered to my soul's deep need and the oneness with the other Christians in the room answered my need for fellowship.

Out of the silence, the smooth wood panels of polished pine walls spoke to me reminding me of the tall, strong, unbending trees of the forest from whence these panels came. They once stood straight and stalwart, quietly growing toward heaven—withstanding bitter cold of winter, intense heat of summer, and severe winds of stormy weather. Now their trunks were split asunder and made into a shelter for men. They were more than a shelter for the knotty-pine panels displayed their beauty-spots in proud array.

The knots in the panels spoke to me of the blemishes and imperfections of man made over by forgiveness, redemption, and creative love. Behold strong characters and enriched personalities emerge, God's children!

The copper trays on the stone mantel shelf gleamed and glowed their beauty toward me. Once that copper was hidden deep within the earth, unseen, unused, unwanted. But mined, worked, washed, beaten, molded, and fired the copper trays were transformed from a most unlikely mass of earth into vessels of beauty and usefulness. So God can take a most unlikely mass of human beings and redeem, forgive, lead, guide, and mold a society worthy of sonship, fit vessels for his Holy Spirit, his men!

My imagination took hold of the gray stone of the great chimney and mantelpiece. The smooth strong gray stone was the foundation of the comfort we enjoyed in the hotel. The buildings were made of it. The stuff is found in abundance in these mountains, waiting to be used. And used it is as the foundations for buildings—stores, hotels, homes, schools, and churches. Rock! How we lean on it, walk on it! Crushed and refined it is remolded and set into highways, bridges, and great cathedrals. This rock is like the teaming millions of any good society of human beings who make life good and comfortable and worth living. They are those who support the aesthetic and romantic by that fundamental strength of character and practical service, God's people.

The fireplace in the center of the great mass of gray stone in the East Room was a yawning black cavity, unattractive at first glance but put there for a purpose. In this blackness lies the possibility of an open fire with shooting flames—the joy, the center, the most attractive spot in an already attractive setting. This symbolized the unused, unlit portion of life awaiting the spark to set it ablaze. Such fires are laid by human hands, the match is struck and held as the material catches fire, and behold the warmth and light and comfort spread over the room. The fires in human hearts are often set ablaze by the inspiration, encouragement, and understanding of friends.

Knotty-pine panels, copper trays, gray-stone chimney, and a fireplace! All have spread before me a mystical sacrament. Listen for when we are silent even the stones cry out and speak to us of God.

Changing american cities

by JOHN McDOWELL, *Dean, Boston University, School of Social Work*

CITIES and metropolitan areas are home to an ever-increasing proportion of our people. During the first half of the twentieth century the total population of the United States increased 98 per cent, that of metropolitan areas 178 per cent. Between 1950 and 1956 the total increased by over 14½ million people. Eighty-five per cent of this increase was in metropolitan areas. In 1956 only 13 per cent of the United States population lived on farms.

Population is slowly declining in the great agricultural areas of our country: Northern New England, the Appalachian Highlands, the Missouri-Mississippi River basins. It is increasing in the industrial areas of the East Coast, the South, and the West Coast. It is predicted, and the time seems not too long, that the area from the northern suburbs of Boston to the southern limits of the national capital area will be one vast metropolis of urban and suburban communities. The city limits of Los Angeles are legendary.

Cities as political units are unable to meet the needs of people in vast and complex metropolitan areas. The concentration of hundreds of thousands, even millions, of homes in a limited geographical area poses tremendous problems to those agencies responsible for furnishing water, sewage disposal, transportation, fire and police protection. City lines, which were quite logical when drawn to include the dwellings of almost everyone who worked in the city, have no real significance when half or more of the people who constitute the labor force and the consuming public of the city live outside them.

Disease, crime, and fire pay no heed to city limits. Indeed they often spread all the more rapidly when the forces combating them are stopped by political boundaries from taking effective action.

All too slowly but gradually the units of government in metropolitan areas are recognizing their ineffectiveness when acting separately and without regard to the needs of neighboring communities. They are forming voluntary associations for regional social and physical planning. In some places some of the powers of the city and town governments are being delegated to metropolitan agencies for traffic control, water supply, sewage disposal, police and fire protection. Problems of slum clearance, neighborhood conservation, and public improvements are demonstrating more and more the need for metropolitan regional approaches rather than for programs that are limited by city lines.

People on the Move

Cities are changing because people are on the move. A quarter of a century ago congested neighborhoods served by settlement houses changed population composition about every seven years. These "ports of entry" where the most recent migrant to the city landed saw a steady procession of ethnic groups. Families came to be near their friends in the only housing they could find which they could afford. As their friends moved to better neighborhoods, the more recent migrants of the same ethnic group followed. There was always a new migration to fill up the poor, inadequate, and deteriorating dwellings left behind.

As each ethnic group moved on it left, if indeed it left anyone, only the very poor and the elderly. These saw their neighborhood institutions—the church where their language was spoken, the store which sold their kind of bread and meat, the *sokols* and *turnvereins* (social clubs)—replaced by different kinds of institutions for some new cultural and ethnic groups.

Today in some city neighborhoods more than one-third of the enrollment in the elementary school changes every year. The seven-year cycle of neighborhood change is being speeded up. The less desirable the neighborhood environment, the more rapid the change.

This mobility gives us great numbers of families without roots. The neighbor whose father knew your father, who could be counted on to drop his own business to help when an emergency occurred, who knew and cared what was happening to his neighbors, is rare indeed in urban America. People who expect to move to a better home or back to a former home are inclined to have little sense of belonging and to carry little responsibility in the community which is their home for the moment.

State and local laws sometimes fail to recognize the new kinds of social needs created by mobility. Residence laws, which exist in every state but one, provide that no family can receive general assistance when in need until they have lived in a state one to three years. The length of time varies from state to state. The national economy and national defense depend heavily on a mobile labor force, but residence requirements make it quite risky for a working class family to move to another state. If illness or death strikes one of the breadwinners, the family may be shipped back to a previous home state where they in fact have no residence or place to call home.

Suburbia

The faces of cities and the composition of their population are changing largely because of the growing phenomena of suburbia. These bedroom cities and towns drain off many of the middle-class and upper-class families from the central industrial and commercial city. Lower-income groups cannot afford suburban living. Negroes and some foreign-language groups are denied opportunities to buy homes in many suburbs. Therefore inner cities are tending to become ghettos of the poor and of minority racial groups. Suburbia, conversely, become one-class homogeneous communities, protecting their homogeneity by racial and religious restrictions operating through the policies of real estate companies, builders and developers, and by "gentlemen's agreements" on the part of property owners.

New suburban towns are characterized by young families. Station wagons full of children being taken to overcrowded schools are a sign of our time. Suburban parents participate. PTA's, Boy and Girl Scout Committees, and Little Leagues thrive. People who rarely went to church as city dwellers become active in church activities in suburbia. The church with its fellowship of members is socially useful both to the community and to the individuals who are seeking to escape the anonymity, rootlessness, and care-less-ness of the city.

Inner City

Until very recently, at least, inner cities have been getting older and in many places decrepit. New building is going on in the suburbs for the middle class with its leadership, participation, social responsibility. The city itself, particularly in its central part, is left with growing problems and declining resources, both human and financial.

Urban renewal programs, encouraged by federal funds, are aimed at the rebuilding and renovation of the deteriorating parts of cities. Unfortunately in many large cities there are blighted areas so large that it is not financially feasible at present to clear the slums and rebuild socially useful and economically profitable homes or business facilities. The growing rotten core of cities is still a major challenge to the American dream, though agencies of government and imaginative private enterprise are tackling the problem with increasing vigor.

Many are well aware of the perplexing problems faced by large inner-city churches whose membership once lived in the vicinity but now live miles away. Is the imposing church building still useful in a deteriorating neighborhood? Regardless of the building, what is the Protestant church's ministry to a neighborhood whose people are largely of other faiths? Even the Protestants in many such neighborhoods seem to prefer store-front churches and uneducated clergy.

If the church has a ministry here in such neighborhoods, it will be performed in deeds rather than words. People who live in slums express their needs in their behavior rather than in words. The response they understand must be in helpful actions not in preachments.

Social and Spiritual Aspects

There are social and spiritual, as well as physical aspects to the changing core of cities. The past half-century—even the past quarter-century — has produced great changes in the pattern of health, education, and welfare services.

In her remarks to the President's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on children and youth, the chief of the United States Children's Bureau pointed out that the first such conference, in 1908, had proclaimed the fact that institutions were not the best way of helping dependent and neglected children. All children need a family-like environment. Orphans grow more healthfully in a foster home than in an orphanage. The shortage of available foster homes, especially for Negro children, make some children's institutions necessary. There is also the need for temporary care. It has taken a long time but gradually communities are adopting methods of work with dependent and neglected as well as delinquent children based on what we now know about the emotional development of children. There is still much to be done in improving services to children but the patterns are changing.

Another major development in the past quarter-century is the assumption by government—local, state, and federal—of responsibility to see that the basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter are met for those people who are unable to provide for themselves. The social insurances whereby workers and employers prepay the cost of old age and survivors' care and of income during forced unemployment, have reduced greatly the burden upon general tax revenue of aid to the dependent. Voluntary prepayment plans help provide hospital and medical care for the employed when needed. The indigent and the chronically ill are not yet assured of needed medical care but undoubtedly plans involving government funds will be developed to meet this growing need. People are living longer, and many face years when they must be cared for at considerable expense to someone.

Recreation as well as education is increasingly understood as a need all people have, and one that must be met basically as a public service. Only a body with power of taxation can afford to provide the parks, playgrounds, and playfields that every city needs if its people are to be healthy in body and mind. The floor of facilities and supervision of activities must be provided by public authorities. Then the voluntary agencies with special purposes can add enriching opportunities for group life.

A more recently recognized need is for professional help in the development of effective community life. Increasingly city and regional planning agencies realize that people must be planned *with* as well as planned *for*. Churches, Scouts,

Y's, community centers, and all character-building agencies are helping youth to master the skills which are essential to a truly democratic society.

Participation in Change

We are all witnesses to changing American cities. Millions of people feel like unwilling victims to change over which they think they have little or no control. But Americans everywhere can become participants in changing American cities.

Cities can be changed according to rational plans, plans which all the people concerned have a share in formulating. This is a goal not yet attained anywhere, but one that has been worked on effectively in a number of places.

In order to improve the effectiveness of social planning agencies it is desirable that all agencies and organizations with health, welfare, and recreation programs participate actively in the work of the planning agency. This involves also modifying the organization's own program in the light of agreed upon plans. The agency which is entirely independent of Community Chest funds, as many church-sponsored centers are, has an opportunity to be more objective in its participation in social planning than does a chest agency whose budget may be directly affected by social planning decisions.

We can be proud to note that the Cleveland Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare strongly recommended that all church-sponsored health and welfare agencies belong to and actively participate in their community's social planning council. All the church welfare effort is represented in national social planning through the participation of the Social Welfare Division of the National Council of Churches in National Social Welfare Assembly. It was this division of the National Council which sponsored the Cleveland Conference.

In these days of complicated social organization, the commandment "Love thy neighbor as thyself" may be obeyed not only through giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty one, but through participating in a citizens' committee working with a redevelopment project, or in a committee of a health and welfare council. The cup of water now is given through the institutions and agencies which you support with your contributions of money and time.

Let us consider some unfinished business on our country's religious-civic agenda. I consider it a religious as well as civic agenda because I still believe that the Church's eternal task of relating man to God can only be accomplished if it works on men and on their environment simultaneously and constantly. Man's eyes and heart, his individual eyes and heart, must be lifted and opened to receive God's willing Spirit. At the same time the things which tend to keep his eyes down, his heart small, must be removed. Slum living, anxieties caused by illness or unemployment, unchecked vice and crime, these must be conquered and removed, not merely ignored by those who are willing to accept God's help to rise above them. Our civic duty is also a part of our religious duty.

What are some of the tasks still to be accomplished, on which all too little progress has been made?

1. Make suburban living available to those who choose it. This involves removing racial and class restrictions in the selling of property in suburbia. It also involves decentralizing industry away from the central cities. Making suburban living available in the long run also requires the establishment and maintenance of rapid and not prohibitively expensive commuter transportation. Expressways, off-street parking facilities, rapid transit systems, public subsidies to railroads for providing commuter services at a reasonable price—all of these are related directly to the pattern of urban, suburban, exurban living which has so rapidly developed in our country. Change has outrun our imagination. Inventive genius has failed to produce economic and social machinery necessary to make fullest use of our technological machinery.

2. Keep slum conditions from developing in suburbia while slums are being cleared out of central cities. To clear the slums from cities requires effective city planning, some new approaches to public housing for low-income groups, and governmental encouragement to housing for middle-income groups. To keep slums from developing in suburban communities will require metropolitan regional planning and zoning regulations. It will benefit also by human relations councils or intergroup relations committees which will help to create a climate where people who are different in race or creed can live side by side as neighbors with mutual respect and trust.

3. Finally, a willingness to accept social change and even some zeal for social reform must be regenerated among our people. I fear for our society when college youth's ambition is to join the country club rather than to reform the world. Youth ought to seek the roots of things, to be radical, to question. Whether our recent past can be characterized by apathy or conformity, I do not know. There have been too many unspoken but well-heeded rules such as:

Don't stick your neck out!
Don't volunteer!
Play it safe!

The nihilism of the "Beat Generation" is the ultimate product of an era when conformity is rewarded, if not required. No prophets rise from such ashes.

Church youth groups have provided almost the only questioning, zealous youth with some sense of cause about racial justice, international understanding, and decent housing. Many of the tasks can never be accomplished unless we produce some people who are outraged at conditions which are devastating human character and health. Here is a job for churches and religious families.

With Families on the Move . . .

why have community centers

When we learn in play that members of the family love each other and try to get along with each other, this will carry over into grown-up life later. These five-year-olds at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Illinois, certainly look as happy as can be.

by

MABEL GARRETT WAGNER
Executive Secretary for Urban Work

"KEEPING children off the streets" is a meager, even shabby, way of describing the purpose and function of our community centers and settlement houses. If such were our purpose, it would surely be much cheaper to corral the boys and girls into a big hall and lock the doors. This would keep them off the streets!

Our Real Purpose

What is the purpose of the community centers sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and similar organizations? Our main concern is for the people, families if you please, in the neighborhood and how they live and grow. This would mean that the program developed in Chicago, Illinois, could be, and probably would be, quite different from one in Brownsville, Texas.

Another factor to remember is that in the social work field to compete with or unnecessarily duplicate the services of another agency, even including church or school, is a cardinal sin. For instance, when a public school system is ready to incorporate kindergartens in its setup, then the community center closes its kindergarten and takes that staff and budget to meet other needs. The same holds true when public health clinics and public libraries are established in a neighborhood.

In other words, the community centers use good common sense in discovering the type of services needed and not being provided, whether for children, teen-age boys and girls, or adults. The search or study by local board and staff committees to discover and to select the needs to be met is one of the significantly exciting challenges found in city life.

Families Today

Our American cities seem to be exploding with constant changes that disturb and upset many families. Teen-agers describe their fate as "all shook up." More and more people are becoming familiar with the almost brutal way in which highways, thruways, clover leaves, and bridges cut through and eliminate long-established neighborhoods of homes. Such sudden physical changes as well as new housing projects and rezoning are upsetting experiences to families in many instances. Though, to be sure, the long-range view indicates beneficial results! Most people are not aware that out of our 43,000,000 American families approximately 15,000,000 move each year.

A constantly shifting neighborhood is quite different from one in which families have been neighbors for many years. Indeed there are very few similarities between rural or small-town life and that in the "big" city—perhaps not so big to a New Yorker as to a farmer! Many families new to the city leave "a life of interdependence" behind them where "people knew each other and aided one another." Many such families "spent almost all of its time together, found its own mutually shared recreation, carried on much of its own education, transmitted its own cultural values, and was largely dependent upon itself for the production of food and clothing." [1]

"Is all well with the American family? There is a quick and accurate answer—No!" [2] Numerous speeches have been made; articles have been written; statistics have been gathered; and national conferences have been held on the subject of how to treat and cure the current breakdown of families. The role of the Woman's Division of

[1] From *The Social Welfare Forum, 1958*, published by Columbia University Press, pages 106-107.

[2] *Ibid.*, page 104.

Christian Service and its community centers is to prevent that breakdown of family life.

New Neighborhoods

As our community centers try to cope with the shifting city scenes, they come face to face with this immediate and urgent need of helping to strengthen family life. "Today's family is a family in transition. It is confused, but it has vitality. It is searching, but it has faith. It is often battered and broken, but it is not afraid." [3] Our responsibility is to help it adjust to the crowded city and to provide some sense of security while that adjustment is being made.

Thirty or forty years ago many neighborhoods served by our community centers were composed entirely of Italians, Poles, Latin Americans, Negroes, or white mill workers. Who lives there today? In the majority of cases a mixture of Puerto Ricans, Indian Americans, migrant workers, Negroes, Latin Americans, and whites.

One aspect of the present situation that should be answered critically is: Are we inviting family breakdown by putting out the welcome mat only for some of the neighborhood families? Any child that is ignored by a community agency will lose confidence in himself, in society, and in the church. He will feel "unwanted." Therefore to gain self-confidence or attention or a feeling of security he may strike back in the only way he knows—through violence. With such a background what will this young man bring to marriage and his family of tomorrow?

Services Needed

Our community centers must always have a deep concern for the whole individual and the life of the whole family. One of the more important services to be rendered is that of "referral," that is, sending individuals or families to other agencies for specialized help in such areas as counseling, health, employment, welfare. In the past most community centers have thought of their areas of operation as being mainly recreation, day care or kindergarten, clubs and Scouts. When lack of budget or staff prevented expansion in some of these activities, there developed a sense of despair and frustration.

But there are ways of serving the community other than through mass activity. Centers do not always realize their function and responsibility community-wise: to make individual and family referals; to help coordinate services of all agencies in the neighborhood; and to encourage other groups to offer needed services that we cannot provide. Local board members, with the proper orientation and knowledge of neighborhood needs, should be encouraged to give time and leadership in sparking these other groups. This may mean encouraging the local PTA or cooperating with a public school, YMCA, YWCA, or boys' club in extending specific services they are best fitted to provide.

Another aspect of our community center programs to be emphasized is the development of indigenous leadership. Someone has said that the modern slum is a rundown place from which all leaders have left. Attention is easily given to the gifted child who may become a concert singer or a star athlete. But how much effort is expended in discovering, recognizing, and developing leadership among the ordinary citizens of the neighborhood? Is not this where democracy begins?

A number of our community centers are helping to develop block and neighborhood councils in which adults or whole families join together to work for a better neighborhood. Some of their projects have ranged from better garbage collection and disposal, yard cleanups, to renovation of tumbledown old buildings. Others have secured from their cities such things as playgrounds, swimming pools, footbridges. Such projects may also result in volunteers for work at the centers themselves.

Helping individuals and families to develop and use their leadership abilities also helps the life of the entire neighborhood. Through this process the local board and staff of a center can help the people of the neighborhood attain a new and higher sense of values.

Giving Meaning to Life

Those who are "on the move" also tend to drift morally and spiritually. There is no stabilizing factor in their lives. They need to "see" the principle of the brotherhood of man at work in the neighborhood. They also need to meet people who believe in the value and worth of each human being regardless of education, economic status, creed, or color.

Although our community centers do not provide church-school classes or church services, they are related to the church through the Woman's Societies of Christian Service. Not only is their spiritual concern expressed through the policies and programs of the centers, but the lives of local board and staff people provide a daily example of our firm belief that God is the father of us all.

Many of the individuals and families served by our community centers would run away from a church service. They are not ready for it. But when Christian principles are quietly lived out day by day, there is an unconscious impression which will blossom forth in conscious recognition when the time is ripe. For "all of us need a central faith and a system of values which recognize the spiritual dimension of life. On this we can build a life and a society which will stand in a time of crisis." [4] We must therefore keep constantly and everlastingly alert to the need for undergirding the total program of our community centers and neighborhood houses with the great principles of our Christian faith.

[3] *Ibid.*, page 113.
[4] *Ibid.*, page 121.

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These children are listening to a story at Peoples' Central Institute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

by

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POPULATION GROWTH... *our opportunity*

STATISTICS show that the population explosion of recent years has assumed atomic proportions in the Latin American countries. The rate of growth during the last forty years is 126.3 per cent as compared with 68.4 per cent in America north of the Rio Grande—and we thought our part of the world was growing rapidly! The birth rate has always been high in these countries, but infant mortality has also been high. With improved health conditions, more mothers now have more living children than at any other time of history.

Some have assumed that young countries with wide open spaces should welcome this quick increase of population, but more than human resources are necessary for the development of an area. Capital investments—much more than is now available — will be needed. And time will be needed—time to change the way of life of entire populations. Under the circumstances, according to Dr. Harrison Brown, professor of geochemistry at the California Institute of Technology, "We must look forward in the future to a relentless spread of population in Latin America—into the jungles, across the grassland, and over the mountains — to a swelling of the cities at a rate far greater than jobs created, to continued misery, to revolutions, and to local wars." [1]

Of course this is not true of the total area. One of the problems faced by these countries is the fact that in each one there are highly developed areas as well as underdeveloped regions. This very fact increases the complexity of the situation, but at best the picture would seem to be pretty pessimistic. It has definite implications as we look at the mission of the Church in this area during the years ahead.

First, mention might be made of the fact that children make up such a large part of the population. In Brazil, for instance, 42 per cent of the population is under fifteen years of age, and 50 per cent have not yet reached their twenty-fifth year. This raises the question of education and the responsibility of the church in this field. Each of the Latin American countries has compulsory education laws and a well-organized public-school system, but it has been impossible for schools to keep up with the present rapid increase in population, with the result that there has also been an increase in illiteracy. Not only are there more adults and children of school age who cannot read, but in many countries the percentage of illiteracy in comparison to the total population has increased.

The Committee of Literature and Literacy of the Division of Foreign

[1] "Life in the Americas During the Next Century"—an article printed in The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, March, 1958.

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Miss Opal Meier conducts a class in dictation at Colegio Maria Alvarado, Lima, Peru.

Missions of the National Council of Churches has recently aided in the preparation of a new primer in Spanish based on current findings in the field of linguistics and psychological knowledge of the process by which learning to read takes place. A similar project may soon be undertaken in Portuguese. Materials are being prepared for the newly literate in very simple, understandable language, giving the Christian message and its meaning for everyday life.

Young women trained in the Methodist Institute in Brazil and in the Deaconess Training School in Mexico are already reaching out in many places to share the printed word with those who otherwise would not be able to read. Literacy programs related to the La Florida Social Center in Peru and rural evangelistic work in Cuba show that leaders in these areas are aware of this need and are trying to meet it. With the new situation, that which has been just one of the many emphases of the church may have to be given a more central place in the church's program in the future as Christian leaders, missionaries, and young people in schools and churches are challenged by this need.

Already requests are being received for more schools to be organized. In some places where public schools in towns are adequate, we may be called on to help establish hostels for girls who will come in from outlying rural areas to attend primary and secondary schools. This is already being done in three places in Argentina and may be more and more in the picture in other countries. Surely the pressure on existing schools to take more and more students will make it increasingly difficult to keep the enrollment down to a number where effective teaching can be done and school directors will have to be more and more selective in deciding who can be admitted. Parochial schools run by local churches are a part of a developing pattern in some places. It may be that supervision for all such schools in an annual conference will need to be named and some plan evolved for coordinating the total educational program.

Of even greater importance may be the ministry of Christian social centers in crowded industrial areas of cities or in the sprawling underprivileged suburbs springing up at the edges of growing metropolises. Some attention is being given by governments and other agencies to rural community development projects, but in these places, as well as in others now totally neglected, the church has a special word to speak through a program serving the whole community. If programs such as these are to be effective, young women will be needed who will give their full time to them. Many of these will come from the churches and church-related institutions in the Latin American countries, but others will need to be recruited by the church in the United States and sent as missionaries.

Of course, the major responsibility of the church will always be in its spiritual ministry. This increases in importance at a time of rapid population growth. The Roman Catholic Church has recognized the fact that in recent years the great majority of the people in these countries has been without real leadership in the realm of religious thought and spiritual development. It has now sent out a call for missionary recruits and a new evangelistic emphasis can be seen in many places. It is to be expected that it will increase in strength and power in the years ahead. There are many who will rejoice at this new awakening, but history shows us that if these countries are to be religiously healthy, the Protestant church must grow in strength of numbers and influence at the same time.

Methodist women cannot evade the fact that we have a tremendous responsibility as we look at this picture—a responsibility that must be shared by every woman of the church.

Toge Fujihira

This choral group is a part of the School of Sacred Music at Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A Hospital Is People...

by

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ON a recent Sunday afternoon representatives from the Brewster Hospital auxiliary were hostesses to over 125 Woman's Society members of Jacksonville, Florida. It was heartwarming to witness the cordial fellowship. When folk sit together around a table with coffee and cookies they get to know each other.

As some of the guests were conducted through the hospital corridors they met the dean of our Negro physicians. Dr. Williams said to them, "I have been a member of the Brewster medical staff for over thirty years. I want to thank you Methodist ladies for your interest in us, for providing a hospital for my people, for providing medicine, and for providing a nursing school where our young women can be taught nursing. Were it not for you we would not have these opportunities. We cannot thank you enough." As you know, Brewster participates in both a professional school and a practical school of nursing.

On any Monday or Friday if you could attend the maternity clinic you would rejoice that you have a part in Brewster's work. Here for forty-five dollars a woman receives seven months of prenatal care, three days for her and her baby or babies in the hospital, and postnatal care if needed. In the past sixty days we have had two sets of triplets. Many of the 1,200 women who attend our clinic annually are never able to pay the full amount.

On a Thursday you could see a large group of crippled children (sixty to seventy-five or more) assembled for out-patient treatment. They come from thirteen counties. If you could walk through our pediatric ward and see the thirty to forty-five children you would rejoice that you share God's concern for these children. We do not receive pay for out-patient work with children, but we do receive costs for those hospitalized.

If you could walk through our new unit to note its shiny cleanliness, its modern equipment, the reflection of care and devotion to duty, and see the dedication in the eyes and in the actions of our employees you would say, "This is something really wonderful. This is certainly the proper place for one who is ill. This is a place where the infinite mercies of a loving God are aided and abetted. Here is an indication of the dignity, the status, and the respect, shown with justice and righteousness, that is due a child of God."

You would enjoy, too, a meeting of the board of directors. The thirty-member board is biracial with an equal number from each group; also an equal number of men and women. Sometimes the discussions are quite lively.

Every Sunday morning at eight the members of Brewster Men's Club meet to eat breakfast together and to plan projects in behalf of the hospital and its patients. The club is four years old. A Mothers' Club, also, meets monthly and does good things for the hospital.

A hospital is primarily people and relationships. And Brewster Hospital has served people for many years.

In 1901 after at least sixteen years of prayerful thought and effort the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church established the first and only health center in Jacksonville, Florida, for Negroes. It began as an outgrowth of Boylan Industrial School in a small two-room cottage with two beds. Some called it Faith Cottage. Here lessons were given in first aid and in midwifery. From here visitors went out to see the sick, and here subsequently doctors came to visit out-patients. Surprising as it may seem for that early day, two girls who graduated in 1903 passed the state board examination.

From this humble beginning and from the ardent concern to meet urgent human needs the work, facilities, and buildings of Brewster have grown to great dimensions. It operates in an area where the morbidity and mortality rates are too high. It is the only private hospital for 140,000 citizens: 260 employees serve 10,000 patients annually. Each year it welcomes about 2,000 newcomers into the world. The budget this year will be a million dollars for we must subsidize our patient costs about 24 per cent.

Brewster Hospital is a cultural meeting place for different races, colors, and creeds. It is a place where miracles happen often. It is a place where lives are saved and restored to usefulness. It is usually crowded. It is not adequate in space, beds, facilities, or equipment. The building and grounds are worth at least two million dollars but, more important, Brewster is a place where the preciousness of a single life is magnified by a recognition of the love of God for all of us. Methodist women can be proud of this hospital.

Deaconess Ivy Mhlanga

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DEACONESS IVY

. . . helper of many

THROUGHOUT the life of the Christian church the name "Phoebe" has had special significance, for it represents the women of the church who served as "deaconesses" in the early Christian era. Of no less significance, perhaps, will be the name "Ivy" for it will represent the women of the church who will serve as deaconesses in Africa, beginning in this last half of the twentieth century.

In 1956-1957 Miss Ruth Bartholomew, a deaconess serving on the faculty at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, had a sabbatical leave. She spent the year teaching at the Theological School at Old Umtali in Southern Rhodesia. While there, she helped establish a deaconess training program for African women. Paradoxically, Miss Bartholomew, who is "dead set" against a garb for Methodist deaconesses in the United States, designed an appropriate garb for the deaconesses of Southern Rhodesia.

After two years of training, the first deaconess, Mrs. Ivy Mhlanga, was commissioned by Bishop Ralph Dodge on May 9, 1958. This is the story of her life.

Mrs. Mhlanga was born June 6, 1922, at Mt. Silinda, the Congregational Mission. Later her parents moved to Umtali where they worked under The Methodist Church. Ivy says, "My first schooling began in 1933 at Old Umtali where I stayed in the Girls' Boarding School. I attended school at Old Umtali for seven years and then returned to Mt. Silinda where I took the Teacher Training Course."

This young woman taught in the village schools for six years. Then romance entered her life. She married Handy Mhlanga who was an Agricultural Demonstrator. They lived in Johannesburg for a time, but soon decided to return to Rhodesia for this young couple wanted to help their own people.

"We worked at Nyanyadzi in the Mutambara District. My husband worked in the irrigation project and I taught school for the Methodist Mission. We had three children and were a very happy family."

One day in 1950, the husband was killed in a bus accident. This was a terrible shock to the young matron but her faith in God sustained her. She gave a remarkable witness in her sorrow. "I felt God's presence by my side although I was in great grief. My tears flowed night and day, but I felt peace in my heart. This wonderful new experience gave me hope and I immediately put my faith and trust in God for the future. My husband's relatives wanted a brother to take me for his wife as is the custom of our people, but I refused to do this as I was a Christian. I went to live with my parents so they refused to take care of the children which is the responsibility of the husband's people in our society."

With a family to support, Mrs. Mhlanga applied to the Methodist Mission for a teaching position and was offered a job as matron for the Girls' Boarding Department at Mutambara Mission. Through that position came the call to life service. She says, "I worked at Mutambara during the school year of 1952. During that time I felt the call of God to service but I did not consider it very seriously as I felt it would be impossible for a woman to take a lead among people. It was just a hazy thought but after constant prayer it became more real. Dreams and new ideas about God changed all my wants and I clung to Him day by day. I kept hearing his call, 'Follow me,' each time I prayed. This continued to happen and I did not know what to do or how I could answer the call."

As always when hearts are responsive, the way was opened for her. In telling her story she related: "To my surprise I was transferred to Old Umtali as the matron of the Practicing College for the older school girls. I held this position for three years and all the while God's call continued to come to me. In 1955 I made plans to study to become a deaconess. I had put my life in God's hands and He opened the way for me.

"I was accepted as a student in the Old Umtali Theological School —the first woman to be admitted as a student along with the men studying for the ministry. At first it was like a dream but my people were beginning to accept the idea too. All along even under great struggle I felt God's guidance and I received courage to trust in Him. I studied for two years and they were truly wonderful years. My teachers were very helpful and I appreciate all they did for me while I was in training. I have given my whole life to God to use in any way he wishes."

At the annual conference session at Old Umtali where she was com-

missioned, Mrs. Mhlanga was appointed to serve at Mrewa Mission. There she is able to have her three daughters with her for which she is most thankful. They are all in school.

This dedicated woman ends her story with a testimony of thanksgiving, "I thank God for his great care and guidance in letting me keep my children with me and in helping me to provide for them.

"I trust that many more African women will feel the call of God to service for Him and that they will be helped and inspired to obey as I have done. I am very happy in my work and trust that God will continue to bless me in it and that He will open even wider doors of service for Him."

A signal honor came to Mrs. Mhlanga soon after her commissioning. She was chosen to represent her conference at the Fourteenth World Convention on Christian Education held last summer in Tokyo, Japan, a wonderful recognition of her dedication, ability, and training.

The Commission on Deaconess Work had the privilege of presenting to Mrs. Mhlanga a deaconess pin which reached her as she was leaving the mission station to begin her journey to Japan. Bishop Ralph E. Dodge pinned the emblem on her at the airport. Miss Mona Kewish, a deaconess, Secretary of Children's Work in the Woman's Division of Christian Service, reported that she met Mrs. Mhlanga in the meetings in Japan and that Mrs. Mhlanga made an outstanding contribution there.

To paraphrase St. Paul: I commend to you Ivy, a deaconess from the church in Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia! She is a helper of many.

THE HEALING MINISTRY IN MALAYA

by

ALMA ERIKSEN

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water . . . verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

THE medical missionary has countless opportunities to witness by his ministry of healing dedicated to the Great Physician. In our mission hospitals nurses and doctors are trained to give this service. Many patients have their first contact with Christians while they are ill in the hospitals.

Today missionaries bring health and healing to remote villages in various countries by means of mobile clinics. In Malaya 600,000 people were resettled into compact wired-in areas known as "New Villages." The churches sent workers into these villages to live among the people. Our mobile clinic visits nine villages once or twice weekly. A young Chinese couple, both doctors, live in one village and commute to others, treating 2,000 patients each month. This couple were refugees, trained in our Christian hospital in China.

When we first visited the New Villages the people were suspicious of us. In one particular village the children threw stones and called out "foreign devils." We found undernourished children whose mothers went tapping rubber in the morning, leaving the baby in care of a sister or brother. It was so easy to scoop a spoon of sweetened condensed milk into a bottle and add water for the baby. We found two children about four years old who could not walk because of faulty diet. We gave them vitamins, powdered milk and taught them how to use "Meals for Millions," a gift from America. In one year's time the whole attitude changed. The children would greet us as the car came through the gate and the Chinese church built a chapel and holds regular Sunday school and services.

In another village we had only one Christian family. We used the chapel as clinic. One worker taught the children games and songs while we treated the patients. A young mother with three little girls came regularly for liver injections. She was pregnant and had to work tapping rubber because her husband was ill. This family became the first to join our church.

Christmas Eve we drove around caroling all night. When we reached this village the father came out and led us to his home. As the carolers stood outside singing, I stepped into the one-room house with stamped mud floor and thatched roof. Two of the girls emerged and led me to a basket suspended from the rafters. They showed me their new-born baby brother lying in the basket. They joined the carolers singing "Away in a Manger" as they had learned to sing it at the clinic. I felt indeed "Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."

One day we were called to a home where a boy had been possessed by an evil spirit. He was surrounded by neighbors and was staring with a frightened look as if he had seen a ghost. The pastor prayed and exhorted the evil spirit to leave. I gave the boy a hot drink and wiped off the cold perspiration. He had become quiet during the prayer but I persuaded the mother to take him to the hospital because he looked really ill. While he was in the hospital they found that he had hundreds of intestinal worms and the evil spirit disappeared with the parasites.

One doctor from Manila joined our staff. He has a local preacher's license and is the adviser to the MYF besides his direct medical witness.

World Federation of Methodist Women

excerpts

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

Light looked down and beheld
Darkness.
Thither will I go, said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld
War.
Thither will I go, said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld
Hatred.
Thither will I go, said Love,
And the Word became flesh and
dwelt among us.
—*Little Plays of St. Francis*

It seems as if this little poem by Laurence Housman was written for today's world. If we open the newspaper we read of war and hatred, and if we listen to those, who are supposed to be the leaders of a nation, they are groping in darkness and do not find the way out of the labyrinth of misunderstanding. In fatal times like ours we are longing for Light, and Peace, and Love, the three pillars of a happy and blessed life.

But it is not just a personal matter of love for ourselves, our love must go to others, to those for whom we are responsible, to all people regardless of color, race, or the continents wherein they live. They all must become our friends, if we claim Christ to be our friend.

Mrs. R. J. Latham reports from the *Australasian* area (Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific) of wonderful progress regarding the World Federation of Methodist Women. Besides other publications they fill a page of their connectional newspaper *The Methodist* each fortnight (every second week). At the head of the page appears our symbol, the Tree of Life with the motto "To know Christ and to make him known." Information about the World Federation of Methodist Women as well as programmes are sent to *each* church, though of course not every church has responded as yet. Many meetings on behalf of the World Federation were held in the different units of Australia and in a number of big country centers. "The General Conference of Australia is to be held in Sydney in 1960, the Methodist women are planning World Federation meetings for that great occasion."

A letter from Mrs. Signe Nyquist, *Finland*, brings news and greetings from the Scandinavian women and their work.

In May our *Danish* unit arranged a meeting for ladies from all Scandinavia and Finland. Fine lectures were given on missions and other church activities. The wonderful spring days of fellowship in beautiful Denmark gave new inspiration to all those present.

In late August the *Norwegian* Woman's Society of Christian Service had its Assembly to which I was invited to give a speech on the World Federation. Two young lady missionaries home on furlough, one from Africa the other from Pakistan, made a fine contribution to the meeting. Another missionary arrived on her first furlough from Rhodesia during the meeting, and a new missionary departed for her first term in Africa. The Norwegian Woman's Society now has seven missionaries at work in different fields. New officers were elected at the meeting, all young and very devoted women. Mrs. Astrid Gunderson, former corresponding secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women was elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Norway.

In September the *Swedish* Woman's Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. Fifty years of wonderful work in mission fields, social work in the homeland, and blessed refugee work in Europe are some of the tasks accomplished by the Swedish unit. In 1954, our Swedish sisters saw a great dream come true, when they were able to dedicate a lovely home for missionaries—retired or on furlough. Thirteen missionaries have been sent out to different mission fields by the Swedish Woman's Society during the past years.

In October the Swedish Woman's Society of Finland had its annual meeting with Sister Maja Johansson from Sweden as a guest speaker. Representatives from the Finnish unit were also present. We are happy at the close contact we are able to have with each other up here in the northern part of the continent. It means so much to learn to know each other and to exchange ideas and experiences.

New corresponding secretaries of Scandinavia and Finland are: Mrs. Björg Randsborg, Godals vei 28, Oslo, Norway; Mrs. Margarethe Nielsen, Havne Alle 10, Horsens, Denmark; Mrs. Helga Eckholm, Gust. Adolfsgatan 6, Gamlakarleby, Finland.

Many other officers sent greetings which are gratefully acknowledged and reciprocated. Your messages are always welcome.

Every day my thoughts go out to you in prayer. We are aware of the dark clouds in the political sky. Will the future ever be bright again? Leslie D. Weatherhead once said: "Blessed are they who at midnight are sure of the dawn."

Cordially yours,
Mrs. Ernst Scholz,
President of the
World Federation of
Methodist Women

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WEST PAKISTAN

by

HELEN CADY ROCKEY

FROM near and far women of many types attended the National Assembly of the West Pakistan Woman's Society of Christian Service. It was held November 8-9, 1958, in Raiwind, with the women staff of Raiwind Christian Institute as hostesses. Pakistani women from city and village, preachers' wives, missionaries, schoolteachers, nurses, a Crusade Scholar, and fraternal delegates from the United Presbyterian Church were there.

Some Americans wore saris, and some of the Pakistani were attired in dresses. Others wore the tunic dress and the very full trousers. Some people sat on chairs, some preferred the floor. Villagers sat next to city people; East next to West—all in good spirit. But at bedtime there was a sudden shifting by the village women (most of whom are illiterate). We soon found them gathered together in one room—with the city women and the Americans left to themselves. Beds had been provided for most of the guests in the missionary bungalow.

All were served the same type of food, with a bland curry for the timid, and a zippy one for the intrepid. All were charged the rates that the poorest delegate could afford, but the more affluent secretly slipped the treasurer a few unspecified extra coins, to balance the food account.

Some parts of the program were in English; some in Urdu or Punjabi, and most were amazingly trilingual. The Western women learned most as the Pakistani women discussed the amount and types of social freedom to be allowed unmarried girls, fifteen to twenty-two years of age, and from the skit portraying village Christian wedding customs. The Eastern women found out how to make Christmas decorations—from Christmas trees to Santa Claus—all as Western as could be, but all done by Pakistani teachers. A group of village women who knew no English said that they most appreciated being among a group of Americans, singing Western folk songs before dinner one evening.

A high spot was the Sunday morning service conducted by the women with Mrs. Peters, a gracious Pakistani lady, who had been sent by the Christian people of Pakistan to Thailand for a two-month training course on the Christian home, as the forceful and moving speaker. New officers elected were a mixture of Eastern and Western women, chosen for capability, and not complexion.

The big news this year is that the Woman's Society of Christian Service of West Pakistan voted to become an affiliate of the United Bible Training Center at Gujranwale. The women said, "We need that institution. We will support it." And they did. So with their help the special Bible and religious training courses will continue, and Methodist representation is assured.

Summary of Discussions

Pakistan, along with other Eastern countries, is going through social changes that make for greater differences between parents and children, between progressive and conservative sections in society, between privileged and underprivileged groups. We of the West may be just as bewildered, completely inexperienced in modern ways and unable to advise their daughters as they. So, we had a discussion that was of great importance. Here are samples of the questions asked, and the answers that were formulated:

May girls go outside of their homes?

Yes, certainly, but the real question is, "Where may they go?"

Where may they go?

To church, and to Sunday school, and to the Woman's Society meetings.

May they go to the movies? (An exceedingly popular form of recreation, and disapproved by some people.)

Only if some older person goes along. It is preferred that family groups go together so that the parents may guide the children's evaluation of the movie.

May a group of girls go to the movies?

Only if some adult is present.

May a group of boys and girls go to the movies?

Only if an adult is present, and if the girls go in one carriage, and the boys in another, or on cycles—no mixing up or pairing off.

What about girls going to school, walking, or on a public bus?

They should go in groups. The danger of bus travel is not on the bus, but at the waiting places. No teen-age girl or woman should go alone on the street. Even a young child is a protection to a mother.

May groups of boys and girls work and play together in a youth organization?

Yes, but they must be in a respectable place, and under adequate chaperonage.

A few conclusions were reached:

1. Every woman argued for freedom in general and not against it. (There are a few who do.)

2. The women emphasized many times the need for the mothers' awareness and guidance of their daughters from childhood on to adulthood and marriage. The leading speaker on this point was the mother of five sons and no daughters. (Being the mother of sons only, I well sympathized with her concern for the fine up-bringing of girls.)

3. They wanted their daughters and students to have full lives and opportunities, but they wanted safeguards, too.

LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION

The Latin American Confederation held its fourth quadrennial meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 19-26, 1959. This Assembly was attended by delegates from nine Latin American countries, and many visitors from Woman's Societies throughout Latin America. From Mexico the Woman's Society sent four delegates and two visitors, many more visitors were present from the South American countries of Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. Costa Rica and Panama Woman's Societies also sent delegates.

Mrs. Bessie Archer Smith of Montevideo, Uruguay, is president of the Confederation. Miss Marion Derby, executive secretary for Latin America of the Woman's Division, represented our unit of the World Federation of Methodist Women at the meeting. Greetings were also sent from the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in session in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

New officers elected include Mrs. Mrs. Esther Sainz of Argentina, president; Mrs. Ada Sucasas of Brazil, vice-president; Mrs. Teresa Araneta of Peru, treasurer; and Mrs. Bertha Vargo of Argentina, secretary of missionary department.

The Confederation adopted several recommendations which will be passed along to nine national federations of Methodist women and then to local Woman's Societies. The resolutions call for active support of the United Nations, for programs stressing racial equality and for local action to combat juvenile delinquency.

The next meeting of the Confederation will be held in Mexico City in 1963.

Nine units of the World Federation of Methodist Women which are located in Latin America united in 1942 into the Latin American Confederation of Methodist Women. These Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Methodist women have united to help each other in producing program material for their Woman's Societies, in sending missionaries, and in building bridges of friendship across national boundaries.

This World Federation display designed by Mrs. O. H. Swango of Sardis, Mississippi, was used at the 1958 meeting of the North Mississippi Conference Woman's Society.

More than 140 persons from ten denominations including the five Baltimore, Maryland, Methodist churches attended the recent World Federation of Methodist Women luncheon at Metropolitan Church. Guests included women from five countries: Miss Hycienth Rogers of British Guiana, Miss Myrna Parsons of Bermuda, Miss Hilda Lewis of the Virgin Islands, Miss Gerda Huibner of Berlin, Germany, and Miss Edith Renaud of Haiti. Guest speakers from Baltimore Conference Woman's Society were Mrs. Lowell B. Hazard, Mrs. Norman Trott, and Mrs. Harry Menser.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Two years ago the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Texas City, Texas, knew nothing about the World Federation of Methodist Women. This year they are consciously a part of the organization, for time has been given to the study of the federation. First the vice-president, Miss Ruth Strong, gave each member the name of a country and a clothespin on the head of which she painted a face. Each one was requested to dress her doll in a costume typical of the country which she had drawn.

Later the dolls were placed on exhibit. Such ingenuity! Such cleverly dressed dolls! Such enthusiasm! Then the Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. V. Thomasson, gave each member the name and address of a missionary in the country represented by her doll with the suggestion that she write a letter to the missionary and remember her in prayer. Guild members feel that they have reached out and touched the hands of other members of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting

The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, January 13-17, 1959

FOR THE second year, the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service was held in the auditorium rather than in the familiar, cozy East Room. Again Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president, demonstrated real presiding genius. Her warm friendliness and alert attention to the proceedings overcame the handicaps of space, plus the high platform and the scattered seating of the members and staff, and the visitors.

The worship services, too, at every session furthered the sense of fellowship and oneness in the work. Though varied in form and presentation, each contributed something of spiritual enrichment to the individual worshipers and the total program.

The agenda of an annual meeting follows a set pattern. It opens on Tuesday afternoon with a service of worship followed by a special speaker. This year the speaker was Dr. Irene Jones, associate executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the NCCC. Her address, "Christian Responsibility for Areas of Rapid Social Change," appeared in the March issue.

As usual, on this first afternoon reports were given by the vice-president, the treasurer, and the Editorial Board. Other items included introductions—and there were many, for several standing committees had met: Spiritual Life, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and Missionary Education of Children; and all the jurisdiction secretaries of these committees were presented plus many conference presidents and special guests. These visitors learned that letters to the Woman's Division from individuals, committees, and local Woman's Societies as well as those from districts and conferences receive recognition, for they heard

Bylaws

As Amended, January 1959

References are to the *Nineteenth Annual Report*

(Clip these paragraphs and paste in your copy of the *Nineteenth Annual Report*.*)

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257 ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS. It now reads: "Amendments to all bylaws may be made, *on the recommendation of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division,* at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty days' notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee of the Division or by the standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division."

266 ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS to jurisdiction, conference, district, and local
275 bylaws. These now read: "Amendments to these bylaws may be made, on the
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288 of the Woman's Division, at any annual meeting of the Division, provided a thirty days' notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee of the Division or by the standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division."

266 ARTICLE VI. *Section 1.* COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES. It now reads: "There shall be a standing Committee of the jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the secretary of the jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild, the recording secretary, the conference secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Promotion of the jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, the treasurer of the jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, two other representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to be elected by the jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild, any member of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild *of the Woman's Division* residing within the jurisdiction. Such additional members as the work demands may be coopted.

287 ARTICLE VI. *Section 2.* COMMITTEES. It now reads: "There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the vice-president, who shall be program chairman, and the chairmen of the Committees on Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Status of Women, Supply Work, and Literature and Publications."

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248 ARTICLE VII. *Section 9.* STANDING COMMITTEE. PERMANENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS. It now reads in part: "There shall be a standing Committee on Permanent Funds and Investments consisting of six members, two of whom shall be the treasurer and the chairman of the standing Committee on Finance and Estimates. Four members shall be nominated by the Committee on Finance and Estimates from its membership and elected by the Woman's Division. In addition, the committee shall coopt *three or more persons* who, by training, experience, and ability are qualified for service in investment and trust fund matters."

251 ARTICLE VII. *Section 21.* SPECIAL COMMITTEES. It now reads: "There shall be a Committee on the Annual Meeting of the Division, a Committee on the Annual Report, a Committee on the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, *and a Committee on Racial Policies and Practices.*"

251 ARTICLE VII. *Section 21:2.* COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT. It now reads in part: "The Committee on the Annual Report shall be composed of the president, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the three departments, the chairman of the section, the executive secretary of the section, *the responsible editor,* the publication and business manager, and the circulation manager and Secretary of Literature. . . ."

251 ARTICLE VII. *Section 21:4.* A new Bylaw: *"The Committee on Racial Policies and Practices shall be composed of two members of the Woman's Division, one staff member from each department and section, and one youth member of the Woman's Division to be elected quadrennially.*

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"The Committee shall study the racial policies and practices of the Woman's Division and make recommendations to the Division for the implementation of the Charter on Racial Policies."

Local Woman's Society

281-282 ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. It now reads: *"Section 1.* At the time all officers and secretaries of lines of work are elected, the Society shall elect, *for a three year term, a standing Committee on Nominations composed of three to five members, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the Society. The member of the committee who is elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year and, while serving in this capacity, she shall be a member of the executive committee.*

*"Membership on the standing Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three consecutive years.**

"Section 2. At the time of the election, the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all officers and secretaries of lines of work, the chairmen of the standing committees and the members of the standing Committee on Nominations.

"Section 3. There shall be an opportunity for nominations to be made from the floor. Elections may be by acclamation or by ballot.

"Section 4. A majority vote is sufficient for election. Those elected shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

"Section 5. No officer or secretary of a line of work shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years."

285 ARTICLE IV. *Section 10.* STANDING COMMITTEES. A new Bylaw. The present Section 10 becomes Section 11. Section 10 now reads: *"The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for the presentation of nominations for officers and secretaries of lines of work, for chairmen of standing committees and for the members of the Committee on Nominations.* The consent of nominees shall be secured before presenting names. *The Committee shall make nominations to fill vacancies which occur ad interim.*

"The Committee on Nominations shall consult with the council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the council of children's workers in the church school before making nominations for the Secretaries of Youth Work and Children's Work.

"In nominating a representative on the committee on Christian Vocations of the church, the Society shall take into consideration the Secretary of Youth Work or the Secretary of Student Work. *Election of this representative shall take place in the quarterly conference of the church."*

MRS. HAROLD SOULEN, *Chairman*
MRS. DONALD H. GIBBS, *Secretary*
Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

* When the Committee on Nominations is composed of three members, the following rotation of members is suggested: In 1959—to elect all three members, and thereafter one member of the committee will retire each year and one new member will be elected. When the Committee on Nominations is composed of five members, the following rotation of members is suggested: In 1959—to elect all five members; in 1960—two members of the committee will retire and two new members will be elected; in 1961—two members of the committee will retire and two new members will be elected; in 1962—one member of the committee will retire and one new member will be elected.

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the referrals being made to the proper channels for discussion and action.

Following the pattern, on Tuesday evening and in three sessions on Wednesday, the Section of Education and Cultivation and the three departments presented phases of their work to the total Woman's Division of Christian Service. The theme of the section presentation was "Teaching and Learning for One World" and included reports by four staff persons who had visited the church at work in other lands within the past year: Miss Lillian Johnson, Miss Mona Kewish, Miss Dorothy McConnell, and Miss Elizabeth Stinson.

Wednesday morning, the Department of Christian Social Relations presented the theme "United States Responsibilities and Africa" through a panel of speakers: Mrs. C. A. Bender, moderator, Dr. Theodore L. Tucker, Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ, Mrs. Grace Barbey, member of the U. N. Secretariat, and Mr. William C. Canup, United States Department of State. Miss Ruth Harris, now with the National Council of Churches of Christ, led the worship service using African songs and prayers.

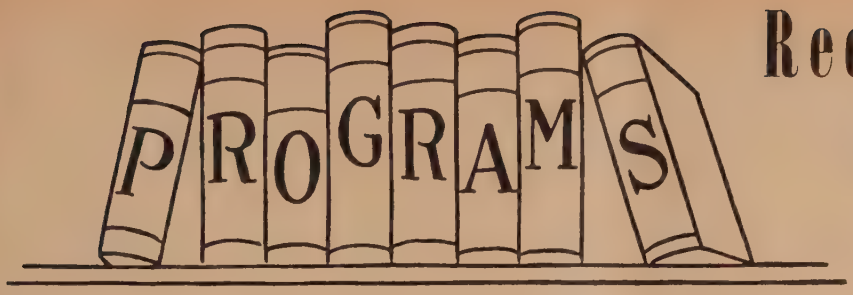
At the afternoon session, the Department of Work in Foreign Fields presented a colorful picture with missionaries and overseas guests seated on the platform in national costumes. The meditation given by Miss Renee Singh of India appeared in the March issue. Executive secretaries spoke on "The Witness in Today's World" while one missionary from each area interpreted "The Missionary's Witness." The presentation closed with intercessory prayer in the national language for each area and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Dr. John McDowell, Dean of the School of Social Work, Boston University, was the speaker for the Department of Work in Home Fields on Wednesday night. His address, "Changing American Cities," appears in this issue. A symposium under the direction of the executive secretary followed with Mr. John E. Shappell, Miss Anne McKenzie, Mr. Jack H. Whittington, and Miss Lucy R. Gist giving brief glimpses of the work in the areas they represent. A reception was held that evening for Miss Muriel Day, executive secretary for Educational Institutions who retires August 1.

Departments met in separate sessions on Thursday, working on the dockets which were presented to the Woman's Division of Christian Service on Saturday. (See pages 18-21 of the March issue for the program of action adopted for Department of Christian Social Relations.)

This is always the heavy day, for whatever reports have not been made must be given before adjournment that night. The report of the standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws appears on these two pages.

Two new staff members were elected by the Board of Missions: Miss Dorothy Chapman, an executive secretary in the Department of Work in Home Fields; Miss Allene Fay Ford, associate secretary of Youth Work. They will be introduced in the May issue.



Recipes for Better Meetings

by MRS. CECIL R. MATTHEWS

Mrs. Matthews, vice-president, Northwest Texas Conference, prepared this material for the vice-presidents of her conference.

DO NOT try to do all of the planning and preparation yourself. If you do, you will find it as exhausting as it would be to prepare a large church supper alone. Include every member of the Committee on Program in planning and sharing responsibilities. Some of these will be specialists in particular areas, but all should work together in order to keep the menu for each month well balanced, appealing, and nutritious!

A Well-Rounded Diet

Five types of meetings should be included in the total program of every Woman's Society of Christian Service. They are:

1. The monthly program
2. Approved studies
3. Programs for special days
4. Circle programs
5. Meetings beyond the local church

Guide for General Menu Planning

1. Hold meetings at regular times, at least once each period.
2. Let every member of committee become familiar with program materials and suggestions.
3. Meet with circle leaders at least twice a year.
4. Secure adequate supply of all basic materials and publications.
5. Keep alert to new ideas.
6. Keep record of participation and use as many women as possible.
7. Be sensitive to what is happening to the individual and the group.
8. Evaluate programs constantly.
9. Prepare yearbook.
   (1) List all meeting dates
   (2) List all programs (monthly, studies, special days, circles)
   (3) Arrange (1) and (2) to needs of Society
   (4) Consider specific themes and plans
   (5) Assign responsibilities
   (6) Submit plans to Society
   (7) Complete Yearbook
10. Recognize responsibility as a sacred task, to be met with faith, prayer, and dedication.

Planning a Specific Program

1. Read the material.
2. Define the purpose.
3. Collect supplementary aids.
4. Select and meet with other participants, sharing purpose, ideas, and plan—each one free to contribute.
5. Plan integrated program, including worship, information, fellowship, action.
6. Vary methods.
7. Be specific in assignments.
8. See that room is arranged.
9. See that information is available through regular publicity channels.
10. Time the meeting to begin and close promptly.
11. Evaluate.
12. Be enthusiastic and enjoy doing it.
13. Pray for guidance in preparation and presentation.

Minimum Requirements

Handbook for the Vice-President A Guide

Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service

Handbook of World Federation of Methodist Women

Program Book and *Worship Booklet*

Approved Study Texts and Guides

Available Packets for Special Days

The Methodist Woman

World Outlook

The Bible

The Methodist Hymnal

Nice to Have (too nice to miss!)

Publications of Woman's Division of Christian Service on:

Spiritual Life
Fields and Projects
Topics of specific programs

Learning Together in the Christian Fellowship, Sara Little

Prayer Calendar

From Trails to Highways (Programs for World Friendship groups.)

Personal file of clippings, quotations, and ideas

The Basic Twelve

Just as the Basic 7 should be followed in planning nutritious meals for a family, the Basic 12 should always be included in the program of every local Society every year! The *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet* give a comprehensive view of the purpose and work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Sometimes the anemia of a Society can be traced directly to the fact that these programs have been omitted or presented in a careless, uninteresting manner.

Good monthly meetings serve the same purpose as essential foods which are the life-giving materials that build our bodies and keep them smoothly coordinated. Deficiency along this line leads to weakness and low morale within the group. The thing that is needed to give your Society the regular, correct diet is to use the sound plan of the monthly program, adapting it to meet the needs of your own members!

Foods in Season

In addition to the Basic 12, each Society needs a special diet four times every year, once each season. These are provided in the form of Approved Studies which give opportunities for intensive emphasis on important subjects. Often the vigor of giving and service wanes and world vision becomes dim. When this is true, it may be attributed to the fact that the members have become lax in learning through the studies.

A well-rounded study program is offered each year through an emphasis related to the field of Home Missions, one concerning some area of Foreign Missions, one on one or more phases of Christian Social Relations, and one Bible study. In addition, the Woman's Society should participate in the annual church-wide study.

Leaving one out is like trying to keep a family healthy on two meals a day—don't do it!

Foreign Foods

Hammarberg, Pratsch, Shaumba, and Rizzi are not foods at all, but are the names of some of the corresponding secretaries of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Forty-six units hold membership in the federation, both at home and abroad, opening up wide varieties of program possibilities, as well as for fellowship, prayer, giving, and service.

Literally, presentation of the World Federation of Methodist Women gives a chance for trying dishes of foods of other lands, as well as the mutual sharing of the Bread of Life all over the world. At least once every four months this emphasis should be included in the menu planning for programs. THE METHODIST WOMAN, the *Annual Report* of the Division, and the *Handbook* of the World Federation of Methodist Women are the best sources of information.

Serving Small Groups

When Societies are large enough, it is the custom to divide into circles which ordinarily come together once each month. These cannot take the place of the Basic 12, the Seasonal Foods, or the Special Days, but should be supplementary. Some menus can always be served most effectively to a small group.

Often leaders make the mistake of thinking that fellowship and refreshments are about all that are needed, but women suffer from malnutrition if their circle diet is thus limited. Again, those who think they have done their part when they attend only the circle meetings are like all of us when we "eat the same old thing" because we have not been willing to study menus and ideas enough to increase the contents of our pantries.

The circle program should be helpful and interesting, and should be nutritive supplement to the meetings of the entire Society.

Special Days

How exciting it can be in our homes when special days come along, like birthdays and anniversaries and holidays? They give us a chance for unusual meals to fit the occasion, for the use of the very best silver and linens!

Special Days in the Woman's Society of Christian Service can be like that. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Thank Offering service, and a Day Apart are Methodist opportunities; United Nations Day is international; World Community Day, Human Rights Day, May Fellowship Day, and the World Day of Prayer are interdenominational.

They can perk up appetites of personal enrichment, fellowship, and giving through unusual fare, something like a beautifully decorated cake.

Up-to Date Methods

No longer are the wood stove and the ice box adequate for preparation of meals in the most efficient manner. The same is true for planning and presentation of programs.

Possibilities of variety are so great that no two meetings need be "served" in the same manner. Group involvement is a term which is coming into common usage among the members of committees on program, and its uses are unlimited.

The *Handbook for the Vice-President,* the book *Learning Together in the Christian Fellowship,* and your own ideas offer an inexhaustible supply of appliances which will be aids in planning. Do not be afraid to try something new!

Some of the best sources of vitamins and minerals for individual members and entire Societies are to be found in meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service beyond the local church. They can be a revitalizing influence through contact with those from other Societies and through the inspiration of outstanding programs.

The subdistrict meeting and the two district meetings each year are most valuable in sharing, evaluation, and inspiration. The annual meeting of the conference, the School of Missions and Christian Service and other seminars and training days on all levels offer food in ideas, inspiration, and information.

The vice-president should increase her own reserve of energy by taking advantage of as many as possible of these *added sources of vitamins and minerals!*

The Extra Touch

It is the little extra touch, the thing which does not have to be served, which often adds the needed interest to a meal—or a program. Remember the importance of eye and ear appeal, and make every meeting sparkle! Do not forget these extras for programs.

P reserves for purpose and spiritual depth
R elishes for variety
O lives and other hors d'oeuvres for something different
G arnishes for interest
R eady-mix used sparingly for efficiency
A ppetizers for zest
M int for flavor
S pices for good taste

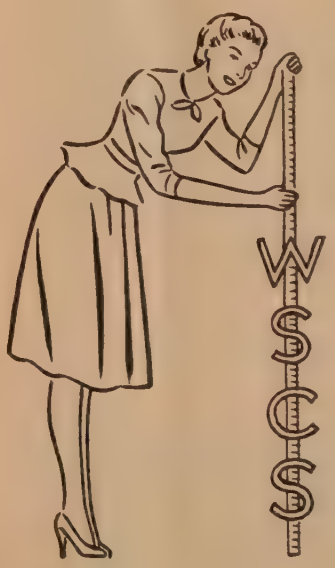
Table of Measurements

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating" is as good a test for programs as for puddings. Questions on the Report Blank serve as our Table of Measurements. The vice-president should study this blank in the *Handbook,* together with the suggestions as to how to answer the questions.

Let us make it a privilege to fill out the report three times a year, accurately and carefully, noting success and areas in which improvement is needed. Always mail the report to the district vice-president by the first of October, February, and June.

Finally

Blend members of the Committee on Program with designated books and materials, plus good supplementary helps. Mix carefully and regularly for study and planning. Use the newest, freshest techniques of equipment, initiative, and appliances. Employ the help of all members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in preparation and serving. The result will be a well-balanced menu of programing which will bring happiness in two ways. First, there will be the joy of digesting well-prepared mental and spiritual food. Then will follow the buoyant health, vitality, and joy of serving



and giving which will be characteristic of your Woman's Society of Christian Service. Both are essential to good growth and well-being.

All material listed in this article (except *The Bible* and *The Methodist Hymnal*) is available at Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Flood Waters

Wednesday, January 21, 1959, was "F" day for Rebecca Williams Community House in Warren, Ohio. A heavy snowfall, followed by a thaw, followed by twenty-four hours of pouring rain resulted in a flood such as had not been seen since 1913. The water did not crest for almost forty-eight hours which meant two days of complete misery for a goodly portion of the town's population. When the water finally went down that Saturday, it got warmer and pipes began to burst! After a preliminary clean-up was finished at our community house, the American Red Cross asked that 200 people be housed in, or rather crowded into, the gymnasium. Hot food was sent in for them. In order to get back to normal extensive renovations have had to be made at our center as well as in hundreds of homes, not to mention actual rebuilding. Such was the mess out of which the staff members of Warren and Rebecca Williams Community House so courageously dug themselves.

Methodist Reference Material

The library at Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi, has established a special stack section for reading and reference open to all Methodists of the North Mississippi Conference as well as to the faculty and students, according to President Felix Sutphin.

Mrs. Edward Lloyd, librarian, announced recently that the library has taken out a charter subscription to *The Periodical Key* for Methodists. This new publication unlocks treasures found in current issues of magazines issued under Methodist auspices and a few selected interdenominational periodicals. Contents of magazines are listed by subject as well as author.

Betty Marchant

The field of Christian Education claims the hearts of Virginia Lane (Costa Rica), Lee Hailey (deaconess), Jenny Mo Horton (deaconess), and (standing) Doretta Fuhs (Brazil). Both Miss Horton and Miss Fuhs served as special-term missionaries in Brazil.

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Only one of the group commissioned in January will serve in the area of Urban Work. Miss Wilma Rose Snare (deaconess) is on the staff of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Here, the three candidates who serve in the field of education enjoy a bit of music. They are Blanche Garrison (Latin America), Betty Cox (not commissioned due to a health question), and Marguerite Sells (deaconess).

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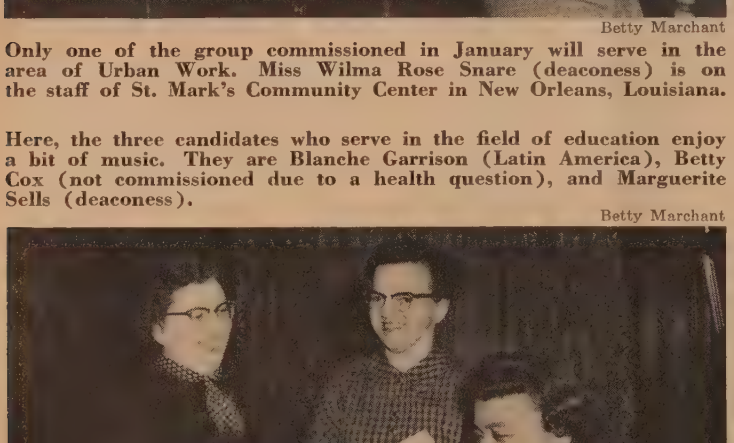

These young women were commissioned o the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls. Christian Service as deaconesses and overs Cook, Virginia Mae Lane, Blanche Garrison Horton. Back row from left are Lee Hail ton, Marjorie Tyson, Doris Ann Garrett, J

Living, Serving, Preach

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president emphasized *witness*, when addressing th introduced to the women of the Divisio for the Annual Meeting of the Board of M

"Some," she said, "are called to go the favorite story of Cleopas and his c recognizing the stranger who joined the events in Jerusalem, concluding, "Yea, astounded (amazed) us." Furthermore, t found things just as the women had sa from them and it had been revealed to that they forgot their weariness and ru wonder of this experience. There again J nesses of these things." "Through such w ened," said Mrs. Tillman.

Early on the morning of their day women gathered to share together the Lo symbol of their common faith and uni Committee on Missionary Personnel, gav ture as the philosophy that undergirds every burden must have its due support to assume one's responsibility is a violati a support with no burden. For in truth health, personality, faith, skills, and "kn and need their due burden. For the bur made His. "Along with this architectur the Kingdom's 'know how.'" He had f great hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" in the

"Therefore," he said, "go forth to preaching as *Love knows how!*"

Betty Marchant

nuary 23, 1959, at the Annual Meeting of will serve through the Woman's Division of nissionaries. Front row from left are Barbara lma Rose Snare, Jeanette Goedeke, Mary Joyce Doretta Fuhs, Marguerite Sells, Jenny Mo Hor-e Leon.

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ne Woman's Division of Christian Service, ung women candidates who had just been sembled at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, ons.

some to stay, but all to witness." She used anion traveling the road to Emmaus. Not nese disciples described to the stranger the certain women also of our company have dded, "Certain of our party went . . . and It was later, after the stranger had gone wo that Jesus, himself, had been with them, back to Jerusalem to share with others the appears to them saying, "And ye are wit-ssing we are divinely blessed and strength-

e commissioned seventy-six young men and Supper, seeing in this meaningful service the Bishop Earl Ledden, chairman of the Joint them the first law or principle of architec-tian work and calling. This law says that every support its due burden. The refusal f this principle since such a person becomes that we are or have, such as our intellect, ow" represent strength in terms of support of our world, too, these supports need to be rinciple," Bishop Ledden said, "let us take this kind of "know how" expressed in the "and preach thee, too, as love knows how." ess to the ends of the earth, living, serving,

Betty Marchant

The only Woman's Division candidate who will serve in the medical field is Mrs. Joy de Leon. She will go to Mexico as a public health nurse.

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These young people anticipate service as rural church workers. They are (in foreground) Barbara Ann Cook (deaconess), Doris Garrett (The Philippines), Marjorie Tyson (The Philippines). In rear are Jeanette Goedeke and Mary Joyce Horton, both deaconesses.

An informal picture of the Woman's Division candidates who were commissioned at Buck Hill Falls was taken with Miss Marguerite Twinem and Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Secretaries of Missionary Personnel.

Betty Marchant

CIRCLES *Worship and Program Suggestions*

"WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE"

Based on a letter from a missionary to Japan
Pat Patterson

MUSIC: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 456)

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Father, all bountiful,
Thee we adore,
Filling our treasure house
Out of Thy store.
By Thee our years are blest;
By Thee we live.
Grateful, we take from Thee
All Thou dost give." [1]

HYMN: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 *(Members might be asked to quote other Bible verses on general theme of giving.)*

MEDITATION: May is the month when we make our pledges to support the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Sometimes the deeds accomplished by our dollars seem cold and distant because we are so far removed from the *doing end.* We are fortunate when we can share in the experiences of missionaries and deaconesses. A special-term missionary to Japan recently wrote a letter sharing her joy and gratitude as she completed her first year of service.

"Dear Friends: A year has passed since I arrived in Japan. Looking back on this year is like watching grains of sand fall through an hour glass. I cannot see each grain clearly, but the grains melt in a golden stream. It is impossible to see that golden year pass without feeling a gratitude that dwarfs me before our Father while my heart swells to praise Him. I ask you to join me —silent witnesses in prayer—in my First Year Litany of Thanksgiving.

"Almighty God, our Father,

"For a year's duties; for moments of conversation with a student or a teacher; for the constant challenge of tomorrow's work; for victories blessed and mistakes forgiven—O God, I thank Thee.

"For provisions of inspiration received through a Sunday service in Japanese, through the thrill of worshiping with thousands of Christians gathered in Tokyo from all over the world for the fourteenth World Convention on Christian Education, through daily devotions, prayers, and books—O God, I thank Thee.

"For a night beside a tiny lake with girls from Aoyama Junior College when we stood on a moonlit balcony and with eager hearts sang hymns that rose above the mountains; then, entering our hotel room, when we sat and talked about our cares and hopes and faith until the dawn, feeling no need for sleep—O God, I thank Thee.

"For Christianity in Japan, about to enter its hundreth year of service and growth in the Protestant Church; for the faithfulness of a minority of Christians who dare face the indifferent or hostile majority of non-Christians; for the familiar cross rising above the unfamiliar city; for a church in which to worship among people who are not strangers—O God, I thank Thee.

"For a home and a church seven thousand miles away; for thousands of groups of women who, by prayers and letters and contributions to missions, give the cloud of living witnesses no missionary can live long without; for co-workers here in Japan and around the world who give the supporting warmth and companionship of a team mobilized for Christ—O God, I thank Thee.

"For the living gospel we preach, the living Christ we follow, the living God we serve, and the life loaned for a golden year's living and giving—O God, I thank Thee with all my heart and soul and strength and mind. Amen."

RESPONSE: "Father of Lights" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 592)

DISCUSSION *(on topics below or others that suggest themselves)*

Causes for gratitude in the work of the Woman's Division around the world, such as: a oneness in Christ, growing national leadership in various countries, evidence of cooperation among denominations and within Methodism, spiritual victory over discouragement and danger. *(Some members might be asked beforehand to share portions of the* Nineteenth Annual Report* *related to the discussion.)*

Causes for gratitude in the work of the Kingdom at home—in the local church, Woman's Society and Guild, community organizations. World Day of Prayer, inspiring programs, study classes—these may be suggested as causes for gratitude.

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION *(silent or voiced)*

HYMN: "Take My Life" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 225)

(Quiz: See Page 38)

BENEDICTION

"Father who givest all,
To Thee we bring
Tribute of grateful hearts;
Thy praises sing.
Help us to use Thy gifts
To spread Thy peace;
Give us Thy Spirit, Lord,
Our love increase." [1]

[1] "Thanksgiving," stanzas 1 and 3, from *Be Still and Know* by Georgia Harkness. Copyright, 1953, by Abingdon Press.

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department of CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Dear Friends:

"The Family . . . is entitled" to a community and nation in which family members can develop their best potentialities! This means that Christians have a responsibility not only to understand the factors that contribute to these potentialities but also the responsibility to work to create the climate where growth can be assured.

The *Activities for 1958-59* suggests some areas of concern if families are to grow in freedom and have access to the spiritual and material resources that are essential to the good life. These suggestions include reference to education, alcohol problems, human rights, citizenship rights and privileges, international responsibilities and—the *fundamental need for a house to live in!—a home!*

The next three pages in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN point up some facts related to this need for housing. At the same time some ways are suggested by which Christians may work in their communities to make possible adequate housing for all people. You and your Committee on Christian Social Relations (with Guild and Woman's Society committees joining efforts!) may wish to take the initiative as suggested on the next pages for a *Workshop on Housing* in your community.

When you have held such a workshop, will you send a report to the Department of Christian Social Relations, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.? Such a report should include if possible, a story of the steps taken in planning the workshop, agencies participating, results and follow-up, and any newspaper clippings or radio-TV coverage.

As this 1959 Lenten Season approaches its close and Easter dawns in the Christian community, surely there must come to each of us who call ourselves Christians a renewal of our faith. Let us pray that God will make us faithful in our responsibilities for working in his world and more worthy of the love symbolized by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER
THERESSA HOOVER

GUIDE FOR A WORKSHOP ON HOUSING

HOUSING is, in the opinion of many who have studied the subject, the keystone on which the foundation of the future community pattern of the United States will be built. If our housing pattern follows the trends now indicated, the result may well be a complex of ghettoes—glorified ghettoes with the latest modern equipment and comfort perhaps, but ghettoes nonetheless—where each racial or cultural group of citizens will live in more or less self-contained communities with great tensions appearing every time expanding population concentration brings their established borders into conflict.

Sociologists point out that such isolated groups fail to realize for themselves the best that is possible in education, creative planning for youth, and even in the preservation of law and order. It is obvious that each of these separate communities is deprived of the advantages to be gained by broad contacts with other groups.

The development of true understanding and sense of community, of the understanding of our own country and of the rest of the world is bound to suffer. Autocratic and fascist types of philosophy tend to develop in this kind of community.

If, on the other hand, we are able to work out something creative in the best tradition of the fundamental beliefs of the people of the United States, we may be able to make a great contribution to world experience in this line. Already there are too many examples of places where involuntary segregation has produced serious problems.

The European cities of many African countries with their nearby African settlements are an affront to the developing nationalism of Africans in these colonial territories. Johannesburg, in the Union of South Africa, is a tragic city where the "locations" allotted to the African people have been a tremendous factor in the strained situation where isolation has been carried even to the ultimate financial and educational tragedy of a fivefold segregated school system. One of the world's great needs is for an example opposite to this—a country where the community with forced segregation does not exist and where the recognition of people and the welcoming of the flow of ideas and cultures from and to all the differing components of the population is a joyous reality. To this kind of a world Methodist women may well dedicate their efforts.

For many years the Woman's Division has been deeply concerned about meeting the housing needs of the nation. The Division has said: "The increasing pattern of

segregated housing which prevents any true development of community inflicts a pattern of segregation upon other aspects of community life." It has urged Methodist women to examine their own personal commitment to work for the elimination of segregated areas and the achievement of the goal established by Congress in 1949 of "a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family."

The Workshop

Such a program as this will never be realized until groups in local communities meet together to work on the needs, the implication of these needs, the assets at hand, and the best means of overcoming the difficulties which are bound to arise. The following plan for a workshop may be useful as you start your planning. You will, of course, add or subtract as your local needs and the creativity of your committee may determine.

1. The Committee

One of the most important things for the success of your workshop will be the committee. Failure to understand that the really effective committee is *developed* rather than appointed and must go through an educational process before it is ready to function effectively is often at the bottom of the failure of community projects such as workshops. This procedure is one which has worked in many places:

a. Get together a small nucleus of interested people. *The Christian Social Relations Committee of your Woman's Society may well furnish this nucleus.* Don't assume, however, that all the members are interested. Possibly as chairman or even as an interested member, you could go to each one individually and tell her of your concern about housing. If she seems receptive to the idea but has not thought about it much, offer some reading material, possibly even share this Guide with her. Later check up to see whether her interest has sharpened and if she is ready to be a member of this "nucleus." Three or four members are the minimum for such a group, ten is probably the maximum.

b. Arrange a coffee or "coke" session for your nucleus at a convenient time. Review the possibilities of such a workshop and discuss its possible composition. Ought it be confined to the church or should it be a community enterprise? In either case determine which groups would naturally and desirably be involved. Decide the process by which you may enlist their interest and encourage them to send their best representatives to the initial committee meeting.

The ideal representative, whether he or she comes from the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Woman's Society, or Methodist Men in one case, or the Lions Club or the Council of Social Agencies in the other, is a person who has influence with the group, potential interest in the project, sufficient time to undertake some responsibility in the planning, and ability to work with other people. At this point you will want to remind yourself to guard against your nucleus exceeding its function by beginning to plan for the workshop itself. The specific responsibility will have been discharged when they determine the general purpose of the workshop and possible group representatives for the enlarged committee. Perhaps you will want to delegate the responsibility for approaching each of these groups to members of your nucleus. The process will be much the same as you followed in interesting the members of the nucleus.

c. Have a meeting of the enlarged temporary committee. This committee will need first of all to get a vision of the possibilities. Whoever serves as the temporary chairman of this committee should present the issues. Guard against pessimism. A little review of some of the hopeful things that are happening may help.

You may want to point out that some thirty cities have outlawed discrimination in public and publicly assisted housing; that there are over 450 public housing projects in some 200 cities where people of different races are living peacefully side by side, and that private capital, influenced by the rising incomes of nonwhite citizens, has moved into the unrestricted or "open occupancy" housing field in many places, both in the north and the south. Next, make some general observations about the reasons for your concern in this. Unless yours is an exceptional community your situation will not be one to warrant complacency.

If the day of moving populations has already brought new racial and cultural groups to your community it has in all probability brought the straight-jacket of enforced segregation with it. If this is still to come, you must face the fact that no community can long avoid this influx of new population without selling its birthright of economic and social progress.

At this point your temporary committee can begin to discuss a little the plans for the workshop. None of these should be allowed to "jell," however, until the plan has been taken back to their organizations by these selected representatives. Perhaps the temporary committee would like to draw up a letter to these organizations, stating that this informal group has met and would like to propose that a workshop be sponsored. This letter could conclude with the hope that the organization will decide to be one of the sponsors and appoint an official delegate. It could also state that one of their members, with name given, had been designated to attend this informal meeting and could therefore provide the organization with further information.

d. Call the permanent planning committee. After a little follow-up with the organizations, you are ready to call the official planning

committee together and to elect a permanent chairman. This is the third step in the planning process. In many cases you will find that this planning committee is made up of familiar faces, as many of the organizations will have sent back as official delegates the people who attended the first meeting.

2. The Preparation

If your workshop is to be meaningful, a great deal of work must be done ahead of time. You should determine the general things that you want to accomplish and make the preliminary plans. It is important to involve the various interests in the community such as veterans, service clubs, women's organizations, groups related to parents and teacher activities, groups that serve young people such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and church organizations. It is also important that every segment of the community be represented in some way in the planning. And widely separated geographic sections of the community should be included. Enlist people also who represent points of view of different economic groups if there is a varied income and economic outlook in your community. It is necessary, too, that representatives of different racial and nationality groups be included.

Planning for the Place. As for any workshop, the place you select should be (a) open to all, (b) as convenient in location as possible and one to which people like to come, (c) with adequate room so that it is possible to show pictures, display materials, and divide into such work groups as you find necessary.

Publicity. It is important to plan far ahead to be sure that your workshop receives adequate publicity in the newspapers. Remember that establishing friendly connections with newspaper personnel is your first and most important step. Next, give them interesting facts; do not ask them to write something that is too indefinite. As the time comes closer, try to interest your local radio station in making announcements. If you have a representative planning group, a few radio interviews with the people might be a possibility, with a picture or two for the newspaper.

Pre-workshop Survey. It is important to have some general idea of what you are going to do in such a workshop. Of course you cannot plan definitely before you know what people will think about the situation, but you can have some facts on hand. Go to the town office of planning or whatever agency serves in that capacity in your community and find out what they have. A goodly supply of maps of the community will be important. You might have various groups from your committee indicate on these maps the points where they find housing inadequate. Another map might illustrate where racial and minority groups are concentrated. Another group of maps might deal with neighborhoods that are beginning to look as if they are deteriorating. Another map, which may already be available in its proper form from your planning authority, might show where industrial and business activities are permitted and what areas are zoned for special priced housing.

You should have copies of the town code, too, and it would be worth your while to do a little investigating to learn who enforces this code and how strict the enforcement is. If your committee members are not thoroughly familiar with the situation, it might be advisable to organize some tours of housing in the area. Just driving through various sections and looking with a more intent eye than one usually gives to such things, is helpful. The results may be organized into exhibits for the meeting or perhaps used ahead of time to some extent in publicity. At the end of the planning period, the committee should have a thorough knowledge of conditions in the community.

3. Planning the Program

This committee will want to discuss available program resources and the things you think should be included. The following suggested programs may be helpful—translated, of course, into terms of your own local resources.

Possible Program for Workshop

I. General Meeting

A. Have an address given by a leading clergyman or a rabbi that will set the issues of housing in your community on the basis of Christian concern. If you wish to involve more than one faith, it might be desirable to have the invocation given by a leader of the faith which does not contribute the major speaker.

B. Present general facts about housing in your community

1. Housing needs and problems
2. The community resources available such as local housing authority
3. Government aid and how it can be secured
4. The private builder and available resources

Note: You may not want to use these facts as the introduction to the meeting, but they should appear early and be presented by the most able persons. A film such as *City in a Shadow* which is free from the Boston Chamber of Commerce might be useful for this purpose. It is important that the chairman be extremely skillful, one who can steer the group from the presentation of the visual aid to the available resources discovered by the local group. As further background information present the materials and visual aids prepared about your own community. Reports should be made also on any trips to housing areas in your community. The meeting might then divide into discussion groups.

II. Dividing Into Small Groups

Your own survey of the community interest may help you to determine some of the groups into which you should break for discussion. Several of the ones listed below will be important:

a. The needs and hopes of minority groups (this should be essential in every community).

b. Urban renewal and rehabilitation.

c. Low cost public housing.

d. Slum clearance.

e. Housing for the elderly.

f. Cooperative housing.

If possible have a room for each of these groups. A good discussion leader and possibly a resource person will be essential for each and facilities for blackboard work.

III. Report and Discussion of the Findings and Recommendations of Work Groups.

IV. Continuing Actions

You will want to make plans for continuing action on this problem in your community. It is important that this be well done if the values of the workshop are to be conserved. One good outcome would be the appointment of a responsible continuing committee. The function of this committee must have real substance and provision should be made for financing its activities. Each organization represented might be willing to make a small donation. Avoid overemphasis of any particular point of view on the committee—for example, not too many realtors. Secure a thoughtful person to act as your liaison with publicity organs. This person should recognize there are times when publicity is harmful as well as times when it is helpful, and that the issue should be carefully weighed. Regular community meetings should be arranged from time to time so that the results which have been obtained can be communicated to the community. If it is at all possible, mimeograph a sheet of information to keep the people who attended the first committee abreast of the things that have been planned.

You might experiment with a few new projects. Remember that generally speaking, the most disadvantaged group in the housing market in any community is the nonwhite group. You might wish to find out whether people who are retired and yet adequately able to take care of themselves are having equal access to housing in a normal setting. Perhaps there is need for one-room efficiency units in your community.

4. Resources

a. *Printed Material:* Single copies are available from National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, 35 West 32nd Street, New York 1, N. Y.

Racism in Suburbia—5¢; How Philadelphia Stopped a Race Riot—3¢; Behind New York's Facade—3¢; Trends in Housing—Subscription $2.00 per year.

Why is Housing Segregation Unjust?—Community magazine, 4243 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago 15, Illinois. 7¢ each in lots of 100.

Credo and Code—Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, 260 S. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Free; *Promise to the People—Urban Renewal.* Flora Y. Hatcher. Article in February, 1959, issue of THE WORLD OUTLOOK, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

Single copies of the following *two* leaflets are available from Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington 25, D. C.: (Quantity *not* available.)

Housing for the Elderly—Free

Nondiscrimination Clauses in Regard to Public Housing, Private Housing and Urban Redevelopment Undertakings—Free

Single copies of the following leaflets are available free from Housing and Home Finance Agency. *For more than one copy,* order from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at prices given. A 25 per cent discount is allowed on 100 or more.

Cooperative Housing Program—15¢
Know Your Local Housing Market—25¢
Urban Renewal—What It Is—15¢
Workable Program—What It Is—15¢
Aids to Your Community—15¢
Relocation Housing—Section 221—$3.00 per hundred
What and Why—Low-Rent Public Housing—$3.00 per hundred

Houses and People—Margaret E. Kuhn. Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. 30¢

Residential Desegregation—Social Progress Reprint. Presbyterian Distribution Service, 416 S. Franklin St., Chicago 7, Illinois. 15¢

b. *Films*

Burden of Proof. Black and white 16 mm. 67 minutes. Francis Shane, United Steelworkers of America, 1500 Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rental—Free

Crisis in Levittown. Black and white 16 mm. Good for discussion. Interview type. Dynamic Films, 405 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. Rental—$15.00

City in a Shadow. Black and white 16 mm. 30 minutes. Boston Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Affairs Department, 80 Federal St., Boston, Massachusetts. Rental—Free

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"TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE . . ."

by

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As a follow-up of the article in the December issue "Exceptional Persons . . . they need the church, too," by Virgil E. Foster, the report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cameron Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, is of interest. Written by the district Secretary of Promotion and the conference Publicity Chairman, it came to us from Mrs. Carl E. Ware, Secretary of Promotion of the Ohio Conference.

"WILL you tell me the difference between the Ladies' Aid and the Woman's Society of Christian Service?" This question has been asked many times; but, when asked by a deaf woman of a hearing district officer on a particular Sunday afternoon, a new Woman's Society of Christian Service was conceived.

Until this time the seed sown many years ago lay dormant in the hearts of the women of Cameron. While helping to serve a supper for members of Cameron Methodist Church of the Deaf, the Cincinnati District Treasurer of Ohio Conference was asked to stay for the Ladies' Aid meeting and to answer questions. Realizing a physical handicap does not handicap the deep, solid thinking, reasoning power, and a desire for spiritual guidance, the mutes signed their questions to the minister, the Rev. Everad Broberg, who in turn spoke to the treasurer. With the use of blackboard, she was able to converse with the women, and "two pieces of chalk later" the questions were answered.

At the suggestion of the minister, knowing the step had to come from within, and without coercion, the women were asked to consider becoming a Woman's Society. Within the week the treasurer was told of the women's desire to organize. After consultation with the district president, treasurer, and Secretary of Promotion, and a former president, Cincinnati, District, long interested in the deaf, has a Woman's Society for these women. The six officers—president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Secretary of Spiritual Life, and Chairman of Local Church Activities—were elected and installed. Thus seventeen mute women joined hands and hearts with the hearing members of Cincinnati.

Why was this sequence of events important? The history of the church answers this question. It was organized by the Cincinnati Methodist Union and Deaconess Mary Virginia Cameron at Trinity Methodist Church on May 10, 1910; and, in 1930 during the pastorate of the Rev. August Staubitz, was named Cameron Methodist Church of the Deaf as a memorial to its founder.

The Rev. Everad Broberg, appointed in 1956, served "hearing churches" before becoming totally deaf. Throughout his ministry, and particularly during the time he was losing his own hearing, he

These officers of the Woman's Society at Cameron Church of the Deaf, Cincinnati, Ohio, are shown with their minister. From left are Rev. Everad F. Broberg, pastor; Mrs. Marcella Knott, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Barrowcliff, president; Mrs. Betty Elam, treasurer; and Mrs. Ray Grayson, recording secretary.

Gil Catlett, Cincinnati, Ohio

was ably assisted by his late wife, Deaconess Helen Dill Broberg. Because of his loss, Mr. Broberg was forced into another realm of communication, while his ministerial call was rekindled, into helping those with a similar handicap.

Cameron Church, the only Protestant congregation in the area with a regular church program for the deaf, meets in its own church building. Its current membership of 158 has representatives from towns in Ohio and Kentucky within a fifty-mile radius. The church continues, as it has since its inception, to cross both denominational and racial lines. Presently it is serving those of Oriental, Caucasian, Negro, and Indian American extraction.

Through the years the Ladies' Aid has been the only woman's organization. Since unification, Cincinnati District officers have extended a helpful hand of friendship. They assisted local committees in 1952 in the presentation of the play "The Red Lamp" given by Canadian players. Several years ago a district officer conducted a study course on the Indian American; and, as action from study, a monetary gift was sent to the district treasurer. The combined efforts and prayers of many women have culminated in this Society.

Comparable to Mrs. Frank G. Brooks' opening statement of the Milwaukee Assembly: "The Assembly will begin as each of you leaves . . . ," Cincinnati District officers realize their responsibility to this new organization. The way isn't easy for either group. The present church situation is unusual. The minister, although deaf, maintains his speaking voice; and, as he once lived in a "hearing world," has an understanding of problems from both points of view. Bias thinking has not crept in.

Immediately upon organizing, the Woman's Society of Christian Service sent a pledge and later a check for Week of Prayer and Self Denial emphasizing again their willingness to help others. The district executive committee appointed a coordinator to receive all communications directed to Cameron. She, in turn, digests and sends the material to the president. It was felt that a "flood of mail" from sixteen district officers would overwhelm a small group; and, being new and a bit set apart, how could they evaluate it all? An interpreter is provided at all district-sponsored meetings to sign the spoken word, for they are now one of us. This person sits with Cameron women so as not to call attention to a handicap. Yearly this Society is visited by a team of two district officers as is every Society in the district. Questions and problems can be discussed, and a closer unity is felt throughout the district.

Among the Cameron women the sense of fellowship, hopes, inspirations, sharing with women around the world, is slowly replacing their sense of isolation. Their eagerness to participate in the world-wide mission is truly a benediction and has changed this group from a Ladies' Aid Society into a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A leaflet METHODISM'S MINISTRY TO THE DEAF by William C. Aden, Jr., is available from Editorial Department, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

What's My Line?

by MRS. HARRY WEDDINGTON

(SCENE: *Adjoining yards separated by low fence. Clotheslines in each yard. Esther is hanging up clothes, humming, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!"*)

ANNA *(appears with her basket of clothes):* Good morning, Esther. I'm running a little late with my laundry.

ESTHER: Hi! So am I. It's such a pretty day, though, they'll dry in a hurry.

ANNA: Say, how did that coffee cake recipe turn out that you tried last night?

ESTHER: Simply scrumptious! Not a crumb was left. I may serve it to my canasta club tomorrow.

ANNA: I'm glad we belong to the same club. Now I'll get to sample it.

ESTHER: Say, Anna, I got an invitation this morning from the Woman's Society to attend a "What's My Line?" party. Sounds interesting. What do you suppose it's all about?

ANNA: I was just going to ask you the same thing. I got one, too. I understand that an invitation was sent to every woman in the church.

ESTHER: Are you planning to go?

ANNA: I doubt it, even though I am a bit curious. That's the night I bowl, and I surely hate to miss that.

ESTHER: I know what you mean. It seems I'm always having conflicts with meetings and social engagements. Sometimes I get so confused. I'm tempted to drop out of everything.

ANNA: It's the same with me. Mrs. Smith, who is president of the Woman's Society, has asked me I don't know how many times to come to one of their meetings, but there's always something else that

I can't cancel. If I'm not going somewhere at night, Jim is. We're seldom home together in the evenings to talk and visit.

ESTHER: Harry and I had a small discussion one night about that very same thing. We came to the conclusion that we must limit our outside activities to a select few—just the ones we feel are the most important. The more I think about it, the more I feel that the Woman's Society should be first on my list. After all, as a member of The Methodist Church, it seems only logical that I should be a member of the Woman's Society.

ANNA: You know, I never really thought about it that way. I don't really know anything about the work they do. Maybe we should talk to Mrs. Smith and have her answer some questions.

ESTHER: Louise and Mary were talking about the Woman's Society at canasta club last week, and I overheard Thula say she was considering going to the next meeting.

ANNA: Say, I have an idea. Why don't we call up and find out if they're really interested, and maybe we could invite Mrs. Smith to come over tomorrow afternoon when our canasta club meets and have some dessert with us. We can ask how one becomes a member of the Woman's Society and just what they do at their meetings.

ESTHER: I'm all for it. You call Mary, and I'll call Louise; and, if they're willing, I'll call Mrs. Smith.

ANNA: O.K., fine! There's the baby. He surely had a long nap. I'll bet he's starving for lunch.

ESTHER: So am I. See you later.

The Next Afternoon

(SCENE: *Table set in back yard with forks and spoons for five.* LOUISE, MARY, *and* ANNA *are seated at the table.* ESTHER *is busy putting on the coffee cups. Clotheslines visible in background*)

ESTHER: Mrs. Smith is sure to be here soon. It's 2:30 now.

ANNA: I hope she isn't late. I've been waiting all day for a taste of Esther's coffee cake.

LOUISE: Anna, you like to eat better than anyone I know; but then Esther's such a good cook.

ESTHER: Cut it out, girls. Flattery will not get you the second piece, even if you want it. Excuse me, there's the door bell now. *(She disappears.)*

MARY: Louise, didn't you join the Woman's Society last year?

LOUISE: I went to the first meeting, but I didn't see a soul from our class, and for some reason or other, I just didn't get interested.

MARY: Mrs. McGill invited me to attend their circle meetings, but I had made an appointment at the beauty shop. I really would like to start going to the Woman's Society.

(ESTHER *and* MRS. SMITH *enter.*)

ESTHER: Girls, I believe you have all met Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith, Louise, Mary, and Anna. *(Exchange of greetings.)* Have a seat right here *(indicates chair)*, and I'll bring out the coffee and cake. Excuse me a moment.

MRS. SMITH: It was nice of you to let me interfere with your canasta game. I'm always interested in telling others about the Woman's Society.

ANNA: We're so glad you could come on such a short notice. We know how busy you are.

(ESTHER *appears with tray holding cups and dessert. She places them around.*)

MRS. SMITH: Yes, I do keep rather busy, but the work of the Woman's Society is so interesting and so worthwhile that I enjoy every minute of it.

(ESTHER *sits down. They pass sugar, cream with usual remarks.*)

ESTHER: Shall we eat?

ANNA: Yes, let's. *(As they eat they ad lib remarks such as "It's delicious.")*

ESTHER: Well, let's get down to business and give Mrs. Smith the stage. Who wants to ask the first question?

MARY: I'd like to know who is eligible to join? Do you have to be a member of the church?

MRS. SMITH: Membership is not limited to members of the church. Any interested woman may join. The only exception to this is that the office of president must be held by one of church membership.

ANNA: I want to ask about the basic purpose of the Society. Just what is the Society accomplishing?

MRS. SMITH: That's the $64,000 question, and I brought this booklet along to help answer that question. It is called *My Date Book* and it contains the purpose, the goals, and the entire program of the year. Each new member is given one of these. *(Reads purpose and gives a little pep talk and displays a copy of* THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

LOUISE: I gather from that that the Society is very missionary-minded.

MRS. SMITH: Yes, indeed, our purpose is really twofold. We are concerned, not only with making our immediate community as Christian as possible, but also with the world-wide community as well.

MARY: How many members are there in our Society this year?

MRS. SMITH: Thirty-nine. Has anyone explained to you about our two circles?

(All say "no," shake heads.)

MRS. SMITH: Our Society is divided into two circles. The day circle has adopted the name Susannah Wesley, and the night circle is called the Rebecca Circle. These circles meet once a month between

the monthly meetings of the Society and provide for closer fellowship.

ANNA: Do the circles have their own officers and their own separate business?

MRS. SMITH: They each have a chairman, a treasurer, a secretary, and any other officers they feel necessary. They also conduct their own business meetings and plan their own programs, but the work they do never duplicates or competes with that of the Society. Rather, it is supplementary.

MARY: How much are the dues, and when do they have to be paid?

MRS. SMITH: There is no set amount for dues. You are given a pledge card, and the amount you give is entirely up to you. You may wish to pay it monthly, or all at once, or however you choose.

ANNA: When does the Society meet? Is there any certain time each month?

MRS. SMITH: Yes, the general meeting of the Society is the first Tuesday of each month, alternating morning and evening meetings. The Susannah Circle meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m., and the Rebecca Circle meets the third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

LOUISE: Is it necessary to attend the Society meeting if you attend the circle meeting?

MRS. SMITH: We try to encourage everyone to attend the Society meetings, because it is first in importance. The circles are supplementary, you see.

ESTHER: You've told us so much I can't seem to grasp it all in one sitting, so I may be calling you for further information.

MRS. SMITH: I'd be glad to have you. The best way to learn about the Society and its work is to visit one of the meetings. We try to make them inspirational as well as informative.

ANNA: I've learned so much from this discussion, I'm all ready to go to work. I may have to change my beauty shop appointment, but it'll be worth it, I'm sure.

LOUISE: You know, I had the idea for some unknown reason that the Woman's Society was nothing but a group of women who spent all of their time drinking coffee and gossiping. How wrong I was!

MRS. SMITH: We do enjoy having lunch together occasionally, but we never lose sight of our main goal of helping to create a world-wide Christian community.

MARY: I'll bet that if more of the women in the church knew something of the work of the Society, they'd be interested in becoming a part of it.

MRS. SMITH: Yes, each year our Society has a tea or some sort of party to help the women get acquainted with each other and to develop a genuine interest in the Society. This year we're having a "What's My Line?" party, and invitations have been sent to each woman of the church. You may have received yours already.

ESTHER: Yes, all of us did, and we're planning to go. I'm curious to know the significance of a "What's My Line?" party.

MRS. SMITH: Well, here's the idea. We are all guilty of finding excuses for not being able to attend the Society and circle meetings. I have some cut-outs which tell the common excuses we hear every day. If I may borrow your clothesline, I'll hang them up so everyone can see. *(Hangs them up one by one, reading them as she does so. Girls ad lib with "That's my excuse." "That one sounds familiar.")*

MRS. SMITH *(continuing)*: Now these are the "lines," so to speak, that are given for excuses. We are going to use these for the "What's My Line?" party so that the women present can choose what their line is, and we hope to do something about it. We feel that if they know more about the Society, they may find a way to get rid of these lines and become an interested and active member of the Society.

ANNA: You certainly have convinced me.

ESTHER: Me, too. I'm going to plan now to attend the next meeting.

MARY: Maybe we could all go together. Who can get the car on Tuesdays?

LOUISE: I'm sure I can. Suppose I plan to pick you up.
(Ad libs of "Fine." "I'll be ready.")

ESTHER: We want to thank you so much for taking time to visit with us and to answer our questions.

MRS. SMITH: Thank you for asking me to come. I'm always glad to have this opportunity.

ESTHER: Now, who's ready for more coffee?

MRS. SMITH: I'll take some more, please; and, while you're getting it, I'd like to say a word to our audience—if I may.
(Stands and addresses audience.)
This is the end of our little skit. We sincerely hope that it has been entertaining as well as informative. Now, if you will each remove your name card, take a pencil and fill in what your line is underneath the question mark, when you have done this, you can say to the person sitting beside you, "My name is so and so, and my line is—whatever you give as an excuse."

Are there any questions from the audience concerning membership or work of the Society?

At this time, I'd like to introduce the officers of the Society.
(Introduces officers of the Society and circles.)

We hope to see many new faces at our next meeting. We also hope that you have all had time to sincerely answer this question for yourselves, "What's My Line?" and that in the near future you may say "My name is so and so. My line is 'Active member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.'"

INSTALLATION SERVICE

by

MRS. WILLIAM H. FULLER, *Secretary of Promotion, Northeastern Jurisdiction*

LEADER: Each of us at some time has said, "I am a member of The Methodist Church," or "I am a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service," or even "I am an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service." These two words "I am" take on deeper meaning and significance for us as we consider the number of times Jesus used them. They are found only in the Book of John and are used there eight times.

The very structure of our faith rests in these passages. Jesus refers to himself as living water and says, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 6:35, "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.' "

John 8:12, "Again Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness; but will have the light of life.' "

John 10:7, 8, 9, 11, "So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. . . . I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' "

John 11:25, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, . . .' "

John 14:6, 15, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. . . . If you love me, you will keep my commandments.' " Jesus does not merely *point* the way, he *is* the way.

John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:12-17, " 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.' "

Are we abiding in Christ as the branches abide in the vine? To serve in the name of Him who said, "I am—the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, the Son of God" is a great privilege.

ROLL CALL: *(As the recording secretary calls the roll, the officers come forward.)*

LEADER: Through the Woman's Society of Christian Service we seek to carry Christ's message into all parts of the world. This is our witness, our mission.

This means we must read and study. We must see ourselves as part of the Witness in the church, the community, the world. As officers we must fulfill our task in serving others, and attaining the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

CHARGE: *Charge the entire group to take the following questions into their own hearts and silently answer with the officers, "I will, God being my helper."*

LEADER: By your example as an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will you strive to attain for yourself and imbue others with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm for the work of the church and the Woman's Society?

GROUP: I will, God being my helper.

LEADER: By your example as an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will you strive to attain for yourself and imbue others with a spirit of mission and duty to the church and the Woman's Society?

GROUP: I will, God being my helper.

LEADER: By your example as an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will you strive to attain for yourself and instill into others a spirit of meditation and prayer? Will you remember in prayer all peoples, missionaries, deaconesses, and workers, and young people that they may be led to dedicate their lives in service to Him?

GROUP: I will, God being my helper.

LEADER: He who would light a spark in another must first glow himself. As officers and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service it is our duty to avail ourselves of every opportunity and every resource in order to improve the quality of our leadership in the church and the Woman's Society.

Let us pray: "O Thou Lord of the Harvest, who lookest with compassion on all the ills of men, make me Thy willing servant. Thou who hast set me free from the weight of sin and pain, let me share with others the good news of Thy salvation. Thou knowest, O Lord, the pitfalls that beset me when I seek to witness for Thee—my slowness of words, my fears and frailities, my own littleness of achievement,

my hesitancy to speak of sacred things. Give me willingness to be led of Thee and wisdom to know when to speak and when to be silent. Give me steadfastness when the ingathering is slow, humility when Thy garnering is plenteous. To Thee I offer and present myself a living witness; do with me as Thou wilt. In Christ's name. Amen." [1]

May the Lord bless and keep you as you strive to do His will.

[1] From "Through Christ Our Lord" by Dr. Georgia Harkness.

All Bible references are from the *Revised Standard Version*. Other installation services may be found in "Ceremonials"—available from Literature Headquarters 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, 50¢.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Membership should be composed of friendly women who are genuinely interested in people. The members should be enthusiastic, possessed of tact, patience, persistence, belief in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, with faith in God and prayer. ***A Guide***

DOES this describe you? Or did you give up after the first attempt to get a new member? Did you pray before starting on a quest for new members? And were you enthusiastic as you presented the program of the Society? If so, then you will help your committee to be active and successful. Perhaps, if you follow through the rest of the article on membership in *A Guide* asking yourself if you have done the things listed as the function of the committee, it will help you see yourself and the committee in proper relationship.

And speaking of relationships, do you consider the young women of your church as the potential of your Woman's Society? Or do you depend on your older women "to run the Woman's Society of Christian Service" and leave the young women to find their places in the other activities in the church? The other activities need interested participants, including Woman's Society members, so that *all* women may be part of the total program of the church. Many times, however, the young women are left out of the planning in the Woman's Society.

By "young women" is meant the group in the age range from late teens to late twenties or early thirties. This group makes up an extremely important group in the church, a group to which special consideration and special thought should be given, and for whom special plans should be made to bring them in.

Young women have special problems and needs, and their role in the church and Woman's Society should be important to the Committee on Membership as well as to the Committee on Nominations. It is often said that the young women have their own interests, that they can not be attracted by the Woman's Society program, that they are selfish or concerned largely with finding a husband, holding a job, or raising a family. The result is that the Woman's Society loses many of those young women on the threshold of marriage and life, and fails in an opportunity for service which is important to the program and to the members of the Society.

If young women are not welcomed as full-fledged members, they will not participate nor enter into the Christian fellowship, nor grow in stature as members of the Woman's Society. It is through the *young women* of today that the Woman's Society of tomorrow will move forward. What will happen to your Woman's Society if these women are neglected? The membership committee has a responsibility to them and to the Woman's Society to enlist them and see that they are given a job to do.

Startling Facts

"There are 296,000 boys and girls in the United States under 18 years of age who are married. 284,000 are girls. An additional 15,000 under 18, mostly girls, are either divorced or widowed.

"Fifteen to twenty per cent of all college undergrads are married." *Education Summary*—May 20, 1958.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

In the magazine *Adult Leadership* for November, 1958, there appeared an article "Adults Are Adult." The point of the article is that adults are different and, therefore, the programs planned for them and the study classes set up for them should be different. Adults have become engrossed in the tasks of living. They approach classroom study reluctantly. They often feel inadequate and frustrated. Adults have acquired skills and have gained experience. As a result, they need to have "all the rights and privileges of full partnership in the learning experience and other adult enterprises."

"Some adults find it difficult to maintain a scientific attitude." They find it hard to accept new ideas, give up "treasured concepts," to keep a balanced attitude to change. Prejudices and biased opinions possess them.

Adult leaders must be sensitive to the needs and desires of adults so that the work they do and the plans they make will be adult! "Adults Are Adult!"

Quiz: ***Answers are in this issue.***

1. **"April is the month—" For what?**
2. **State theme of 1959-1960 programs.**
3. **Something new. What?**
4. **Work camps. What? Where?**
5. **An unusual Woman's Society. Where?**
6. **Name the first deaconess in Africa.**
7. **10,000 patients annually. Where?**
8. **"An increase in illiteracy." Where and why?**
9. **State the purpose of our community centers.**
10. **Identify: Dr. Everett L. Walker, Mrs. Esther Sainz.**

SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES 1959

Listed by ELIZABETH STINSON, *Secretary of Missionary Education*
and HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Acting Secretary of Youth Work*

Jurisdiction Schools of Missions and Christian Service, 1959

CENTRAL JURISDICTION—Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas
June 14-19

Chairman: Mrs. M. M. Drake, 1032 Second Ave., S., Nashville 10, Tenn.
Dean: Mrs. P. C. Holland, 1025 Fuller St., Knoxville 15, Tenn.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—Albion College, Albion, Mich.
June 15-20

Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Vaughn H. Simons, 3047 Griest Ave., Cincinnati 8, Ohio

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—Pembroke College, Providence, R. I.
June 10-16

Chairman: Mrs. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, 80 Elm St., New Rochelle, N. Y.
Dean: Mrs. Clyde LeMessurier, 164 Terrace Park, Rochester 11, N. Y.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.
June 22-27

Chairman: Mrs. E. L. Reid, 301 Bellevue, Cleburne, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 1710 Park Ave., Shreveport, La.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION—Lake Junaluska, N. C.....July 1-8

Chairman: Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, 3814 Hawthorne Ave. Richmond, Va.
Dean: Mrs. A. C. Johnson, 766 Covington Ave., Bowling Green, Ky.

WESTERN JURISDICTION—Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah
June 22-27

Chairman: Mrs. A. L. Young, 1040 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, Calif.
Dean: Mrs. F. W. Batten, Box 655, Dos Palos, Calif.

Conference Schools and Institutes

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

CENTRAL ALABAMA—Daniel Payne College, 6455 Washington Blvd., Birmingham, Ala.....July 20-25

Chairman: Mrs. W. L. Turner, 309 Eighth Ave., West, Birmingham 4, Ala.
Dean: Mrs. S. J. Jordon, 12 Tenth Ave., West, Birmingham, Ala.

CENTRAL WEST—Baker University, Baldwin, Kan.....July 13-17
(Held jointly with Kansas Conference, South Central Jurisdiction)

Chairman: Mrs. Homer Kelly, Box 50, Wathena, Kan.
Dean: Rev. Herbert C. Brockman, 801 Indiana Ave., Neodesha, Kan.

DELAWARE—Delaware State College, Dover, Del.....July 19-25

Chairman: Mrs. William T. Briddell, Flower St., Berlin, Md.
Dean: Mrs. Lillian Warwick Pope, 171-27 111th Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y.

EAST TENNESSEE—Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.....July 6-10

Chairman: Mrs. Fred Davis, 926 Unaka St., Harriman, Tenn.
Dean: Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.

FLORIDA—Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.....July 29-31

Chairman: Mrs. Eleanor W. Hurley, 440 West 17th St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Dean: Mrs. M. T. McKenzie, 1430 Davis St., Jacksonville, Fla.

GEORGIA—Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.....July 26-31

Chairman: Mrs. C. B. Copher, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.
Dean: Mrs. Ruth E. Everett, 978 Folks St., Waycross, Ga.

LEXINGTON—Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio.....July 12-18

Chairman: Mrs. M. M. Williams, 3553 South Parkway, Chicago 53, Ill.
Dean: Mrs. George Brown, 6619 Minerva Ave., Chicago, Ill.

LOUISIANA—Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, La.
June 28-July 3

Chairman: Mrs. S. C. Walker, 5524 Perrier St., New Orleans 15, La.
Dean: Mrs. G. W. Carter, 2021 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans 15, La.

MISSISSIPPI—Gulfside Assembly, Waveland, Miss.....July 7-12

Chairman: Mrs. Taft Nevers, 623 Owens St., Columbia, Miss.
Dean: Mrs. W. F. Calbert, 1425 22nd St., Gulfport, Miss.

NORTH CAROLINA—Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.....June 29-July 3

Chairman: Mrs. Mary N. Morrison, Rt. 4, Box 76, Statesville, N. C.
Dean: Miss Fanny McCallum, Guilford, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.....June 22-26

Chairman: Mrs. J. W. Robinson, 202 W. Jackson St., Dillon, S. C.
Dean: Rev. W. M. Stokes, P. O. Box, Goff Ave., Orangeburg, S. C.

SOUTHWEST—Camp Aldersgate, Little Rock, Ark.....July 13-17

Chairman: Mrs. S. P. Jones, 3019 State St., Little Rock, Ark.
Dean: Mrs. Cecil Holman, 1714 Midland, Ft. Smith, Ark.

TENNESSEE—Tennessee A. & I. State University, Nashville 8, Tenn.
July 13-17

Chairman: Mrs. W. R. Smith, 719 Hart Ave., Nashville 6, Tenn.
Dean: Mrs. G. A. Thompson, 1004 15th Ave., South, Nashville 4, Tenn.

TEXAS—Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.....July 13-17

Chairman: Mrs. Charles B. Murphy, 2201 Sampson St., Houston 4, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. Lola M. Carter, 6023 W. Montgomery Rd., Houston 18, Tex.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI—Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.....June 29-July 3

Chairman: Mrs. E. A. Smith, Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.
Dean: Mrs. Lillian R. Johnson, P. O. Box 94, Clarksdale, Miss.

WASHINGTON—Morgan State College, Baltimore 12, Md.....July 20-24

Chairman: Miss Ernestine O. Crump, 526 Laurens St., Baltimore 17, Md.
Dean: Mrs. Mildred L. Barnes, 614 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va.

WEST TEXAS—Huston-Tillotson College, 1820 E. 8th St., Austin, Tex.
July 20-24

Chairman: Mrs. L. E. Moore, 2305 E. 12th St., Austin, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. W. L. Smith, 2304 Colcord Ave., Waco, Tex.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

DETROIT—

Albion—Albion College, Albion, Mich.....July 6-10

Chairman: Mrs. Hugh Townley, 2021 Hanchett St., Saginaw, Mich.
Dean: Mrs. William Cansfield, 404 Dunlap, Northville, Mich.

Marquette—(Institute) Northern Michigan College, Marquette, Mich.
August 11-13

Chairman: Mrs. Hugh Townley, 2021 Hanchett St., Saginaw, Mich.
Dean: Mrs. William Cansfield, 404 Dunlap, Northville, Mich.

ILLINOIS—Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.....June 22-26

Chairman: Mrs. C. C. Bennett, Rt. 1, Chatsworth, Ill.
Dean: Mrs. G. H. Abbott, 748 W. North St., Decatur, Ill.

INDIANA—Bishop Roberts Park, R. Route, Mitchell, Ind.....August 9-14

Chairman: Mrs. H. F. Ayers, 5406 Shelby, Indianapolis 27, Ind.
Dean: Mrs. Roy Priest, 4301 Stringtown Rd., Evansville, Ind.

MICHIGAN—Albion College, Albion, Mich.....June 22-26

Chairman: Mrs. Mark Lamos, Barrytown, Mich.
Dean: Mrs. H. E. Krusell, Charlotte, Mich.

MINNESOTA—Hamline University, St. Paul 4, Minn.....June 22-26

Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth McE. Koch, 562 E. Wheelock Parkway, St. Paul 1, Minn.
Dean: Mrs. Frank L. Sechrist, Blue Earth, Minn.

NORTH DAKOTA—(Institute) Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D.
July 7-10

Chairman: Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, 613 Eighth St., South, Fargo, N. D.
Dean: Mrs. Sumner Williams, Hillsboro, N. D.

NORTH-EAST OHIO—

Bethesda—Epworth Park, Bethesda, Ohio.....August 2-6

Chairman: Mrs. Stanley Beresford, 48 Fourth St., N. E., Carrollton, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. T. J Stubbs, 1909 Creston St., Cambridge, Ohio

Lakeside—Methodist Camp Grounds, Lakeside, Ohio.....July 19-24

Chairman: Mrs. Stanley Beresford, 48 Fourth St., N. E., Carrollton, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. C. P. Dudley, 2512 Ashurst Rd., Cleveland 18, Ohio

Mt. Union—Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.....June 21-25

Chairman: Mrs. Stanley Beresford, 48 Fourth St., N. E., Carrollton, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. C. D. Riggle, 499 Bastogne Dr., Akron 3, Ohio

NORTH INDIANA—Epworth Forest on Lake Webster, Leesburg, Ind.
June 21-26

Chairman: Mrs. W. T. Jordan, 520 Melody Lane, New Castle, Ind.
Dean: Mrs. Paul Flowers, 1001 W. Third St., Marion, Ind.

NORTH IOWA—Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.....June 29-July 3

Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Leo French, Coggon, Iowa

NORTHWEST INDIANA—Methodist Assembly Grounds, Battleground, Ind.
July 12-17

Chairman: Mrs. A. A. McClanahan, 558 E. Ann St., Frankfort, Ind.
Dean: Mrs. E. G. Sutcliffe, 636 Vine St., West, La Fayette, Ind.

OHIO—

Delaware—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.....June 29-July 3

Chairman: Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 3425 Edgevale Rd., Toledo 6, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. Frank McCall, Mount Victory, Ohio

Lakeside—Methodist Camp Grounds, Lakeside, Ohio.....July 26-31

Chairman: Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 3425 Edgevale Rd., Toledo 6, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. Paul Moats, Sherwood, Ohio

Lancaster—Methodist Camp Grounds, Lancaster, Ohio.....July 12-17

Chairman: Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 3425 Edgevale Rd., Toledo 6, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. H. P. Smith, Pomeroy, Ohio

Sabina—Methodist Camp Grounds, Sabina, Ohio.....July 19-24

Chairman: Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 3425 Edgevale Rd., Toledo 6, Ohio
Dean: Mrs. Carl Ware, 7836 Perry St., Cincinnati, Ohio

ROCK RIVER—Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.....June 29-July 3

Chairman: Mrs. Paul L. Copeland, 8047 S. Wood St., Chicago 20, Ill.
Dean: Mrs. Ray C. Carlson, 212 N. Elmwood Dr., Aurora, Ill.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp, Arlington, S. D.
July 6-10

Chairman: Mrs. James K. Mitchell, Box 368, Faulkton, S. D.
Dean: Mrs. Henry Hottmann, 1058 Illinois Ave., S. W., Huron, S. D.

SOUTH IOWA—Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.....July 6-10

Chairman: Mrs. R. L. Lucas, 607 E. Second St., Madrid, Iowa
Dean: Mrs. J. A. Owen, 1408 47th St., Des Moines 11, Iowa

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.....August 3-7
Chairman: Mrs. R. O. Hasler, Hillsboro Rd., Vandalia, Ill.
Dean: Mrs. George Guard, Box 506, Equality, Ill.

WEST WISCONSIN—

Pine Lake—Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, Wis.....August 24-28
Chairman: Mrs. Charles Hanson, 302 Superior St., Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Dean:

Whispering Pines—(Institute) Whispering Pines Camp, Frederic, Wis. August 19-21
Chairman: Mrs. Charles Hanson, 302 Superior St., Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Dean: Mrs. Ernest Fernie, Boyceville, Wis.

WISCONSIN—Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wis.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. Carsten Paulson, 708 Belmont Ave., Racine, Wis.
Dean: Mrs. Ray Balthazer, 4762 N. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

BALTIMORE—Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.....July 12-17
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. E. Franklin Odor, 917 Perry Pl., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.

CENTRAL NEW YORK—Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y.....July 19-23
Chairman: Mrs. A. H. Barben, 110 Cayuga St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.
Dean: Mrs. Paul Thayer, 424 Klinewood Dr., Ithaca, N. Y.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA—Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa. July 18-23
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Frank W. Ake, 457 Pine St., Williamsport, Pa.

ERIE—Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.....July 26-31
Chairman: Mrs. Leonard Saunders, 1773 Parkview Blvd., Sharon, Pa.
Dean: Mrs. Carlyle Bemis, 18 W. Normal St., Edinboro, Pa.

GENESEE—Camp Wesleyan, Silver Lake, N. Y.....July 5-9
Dean: Mrs. O. E. Hartman, 158 Chamberlin Dr., Buffalo 10, N. Y.
Assistant Dean: Mrs. Edward Hawk, R. D. 1, Dansville, N. Y.

MAINE—Colby College, Waterville, Me.....August 25-29
Chairman: Miss Sara J. Cowan, 76 Brentwood St., Portland 5, Me.
Dean: Mrs. David Hoyt, 63 Willard St., South Portland, Me.

NEW ENGLAND—Rolling Ridge, North Andover, Mass.....September 14-18
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Charles C. McPherson, Southampton, Mass.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN—Providence-Barrington Bible College, Middle Highway, Barrington, R. I.....June 29-July 3
Chairman: Miss Lovicy M. Delano, Front St., Marion, Mass.
Dean: Mrs. Arville W. Gilmore, 12 Bay Vista Pl., Warwick, R. I.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Hedding Camp Grounds, Epping, N. H.....July 19-24
Chairman: Mrs. Stanley M. Sprague, 245 Highland St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Dean: Mrs. William E. Dussault, Stoddard, N. H.

NEW JERSEY—Pennington School for Boys, Pennington, N. J.....July 13-17
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Henry J. Paul, 1805 Central Ave., Ocean City, N. J.
Assistant Dean: Mrs. Albert P. Stretch, Jr., 220 Maple Ave., Trenton 8, N. J.

NEW YORK—Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N. Y.....July 6-10
Chairman: Mrs. Howard W. Yoder, 90 LaSalle St., New York 27, N. Y.
Dean: Miss Elizabeth Luz, 63 Main St., Delhi, N. Y.

NEW YORK EAST—Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N. Y.....June 22-27
Chairman: Mrs. Franklin W. Winton, 76 Vernon St., Stratford, Conn.
Dean: Mrs. Dugald J. Cameron, 36 Benedict Pl., Pelham, N. Y.

NEWARK—Centenary College for Women, Hackettstown, N. J.....June 26-30
Chairman: Mrs. R. Clifford Whitfield, 85 Rossmore Pl., Belleville 9, N. J.
Dean: Mrs. Mark Odenwelder, 1 Bartholdi Ave., Butler, N. J.

NORTHERN NEW YORK—Camp Aldersgate, Brantingham, N. Y. July 19-24
Chairman: Mrs. Paul A. Roy, 1541 Kemble St., Utica, N. Y.
Dean: Mrs. Olin J. Mowry, Minetto, N. Y.

PENINSULA—Wesley College, Dover, Del.....July 12-17
Chairman: Mrs. Isaac J. Scott, Rt. 3, Salisbury, Md.
Dean: Mrs. Arthur Benjamin, Port Deposit, Md.

PHILADELPHIA—Albright College, Reading, Pa.....July 12-18
Chairman: Mrs. George Burley, 39 Serpentine Lane, Levittown, Pa.
Dean: Mrs. Milton M. Bergey, Jr., 541 Cypress St., Yeadon, Pa.

PITTSBURGH—Methodist Training Center, Jumonville Star Route, Uniontown, Pa.....July 12-17
Chairman: Mrs. W. F. Snowden, 1105 Liberty Ave., Natrona Heights, Pa.
Dean: Mrs. Paul Lindberg, 364 Broadmoor Ave., Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

TROY—Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vt.....July 6-10
Chairman: Mrs. Paul Hydon, 205 N. Ten Broeck St., Scotia 2, N. Y.
Dean: Mrs. Tarrence F. Ogden, 1994 15th St., Troy, N. Y.

WEST VIRGINIA—West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va. July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. Frank B. Everhart, 119 N. Price St., Kingwood, W. Va.
Dean: Miss Ann Eaton, 703 Harrison St., Princeton, W. Va.

WYOMING—Keystone Junior College, La Plume, Pa.....August 3-7
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Hannah S. Patchin, 55 Church St., Oneonta, N. Y.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

CENTRAL KANSAS—Kansas Wesleyan University.....August 3-7
Chairman: Mrs. Shelby Neelly, Byers, Kan.
Dean: Mrs. John King, 707 F St., Phillipsburg, Kan.

CENTRAL TEXAS—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. Gorman Jones, Box 125, Weatherford, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. T. W. Winters, Evant, Tex.

KANSAS—Baker University, Baldwin, Kan.....July 13-17
(Held jointly with Central West Conference, Central Jurisdiction)
Chairman: Mrs. Homer Kelly, Box 50, Wathena, Kan.
Dean: Rev. Herbert C. Brockman, 801 Indiana Ave. Neodesha, Kan.

LITTLE ROCK—Arkansas School for the Blind, Little Rock, Ark.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. J. C. Oslin, 15 Lamont Dr., Little Rock, Ark.
Dean: Mrs. Alvin Stone, 1325 Tenth St., Arkadelphia, Ark.

LOUISIANA—Centenary College, Shreveport, La.....August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Rt. 2, Box 257A, Crowley, La.
Dean: Mrs. Wideman Watson, 720 Main St., Homer, La.

MISSOURI—Central College, Fayetteville, Mo.....July 6-10
Chairman: Mrs. C. S. Peacocke, Gallatin, Mo.
Dean: Mrs. C. L. Dorris, 405 Market St., Glasgow, Mo.

NEBRASKA—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.....August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. Raymond Sitorius, Gothenburg, Neb.
Dean: Mrs. L. Browder Bowen, 3455 Orchard, Lincoln, Neb.

NEW MEXICO—Sacramento Methodist Assembly, Sacramento, N. M. July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. E. Ronald Burke, 209 Hermosa Dr., S. E., Albuquerque, N. M.
Dean: Mrs. A. E. Roberts, San Jon, N. M.

NORTH ARKANSAS—Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.....August 24-28
Chairman: Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Box 326, Hughes, Ark.
Dean: Mrs. George Meyer, Russellville, Ark.

NORTH TEXAS—Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.....July 27-31
Chairman: Mrs. John L. Beard, 404 E. Seventh St., Irving, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. Ellis Campbell, 10034 Lake Garden, Dallas 18, Tex.

NORTHWEST TEXAS—St. John's Church and Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Tex.....July 27-31
Chairman: Mrs. M. L. Hines, 2312 Thirteenth St., Lubbock, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, 2420 Fifteenth St., Lubbock, Tex.

OKLAHOMA—

Camp Egan—Methodist Assembly Grounds, Tahlequah, Okla...July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. John M. Shepard, Jr., Rt. 2, Frederick, Okla.
Dean: Mrs. Winston Cocke, Wilburton, Okla.

Oklahoma City—St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. John M. Shepard, Jr., Rt. 2, Frederick, Okla.
Dean: Mrs. J. C. Evans, 2806 N. W. 21 St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rio Grande—Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex. .....August 1-5
Chairman: Mrs. O. F. Garza, 3505 Hixon St., El Paso, Tex.
Dean: Mrs. Carmen J. Lujan, 316 North Campos, Las Cruces, N. M.

ST. LOUIS—Central College, Fayetteville, Mo.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. G. Kenneth Brun, 106 Polster Ave., Warrenton, Mo.
Dean: Mrs. C. G. Kane, 7469 Stanford Ave., University City 5, Mo.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI—National College, Kansas City, Mo.....July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. Frank Tomlin, 405 Hazel St., Mt. Vernon, Mo.
Dean: Mrs. James M. Allison, 1927 E. Willow, Independence, Mo.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS—Mt. Wesley Methodist Assembly, Kerrville, Tex. August 3-7
Chairman: Mrs. E. C. Loessberg, 903 S. W. 39 St., San Antonio 7, Tex.
Dean: Rev. Horace M. King, 535 Bandera Rd., San Antonio 1, Tex.

TEXAS—Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Route 5, Palestine, Tex.....July 13-17
Vice-chairman: Mrs. E. R. Bryant, 409 N. Hutchins, Bryan, Tex.
Dean: Rev. Myers B. Curtis, P. O. Box 10026, Houston 18, Tex.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA—Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala. July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. Fred L. Davis, Box 265, Tallassee, Ala.
Dean: Miss Nadine Turnipseed, 1001 Eaton St., Key West, Fla.

FLORIDA—Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.....July 27-31
Chairman: Mrs. Paul M. Stewart, 1900 Merritt Park Dr., Orlando, Fla.
Dean: Mrs. J. Withers Blake, 6302 Central Ave., Tampa 4, Fla.

HOLSTON—Sullins College, Bristol, Va.....August 10-14
Chairman: Mrs. H. Olin Troy, Green Hill Road, Bristol, Va.
Dean: Mrs. Howard Gilliam, Box 416, LaFollette, Tenn.

KENTUCKY—Sue Bennett College, London, Ky.....July 26-31
Chairman: Mrs. John B. Rose, 255 S. Hanover, Lexington, Ky.
Dean: Miss Isabelle Jefferson, Crestwood, Ky.

LINCOLN LEADERSHIP—Berea College, Berea, Ky.....June 26-30
Chairman: Mrs. Thomas Green, 407 N. Hite Ave., Louisville, Ky.
Dean: Mrs. G. W. Hummel, 105 N. Seminary, Madisonville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE—Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Ky.....August 10-14
Chairman: Mrs. H. E. Arterburn, Park City, Ky.
Dean: Mrs. Paul S. Powell, 400 Wesleyan Pl., Owensboro, Ky.

MEMPHIS—Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn.....August 10-14
Chairman: Mrs. Oscar B. Crofford, 156 Windover Rd., Apt. 2, Memphis, Tenn.
Dean: Mrs. Crutcher W. Dunlap, 380 Holmes Circle, Memphis 11, Tenn.

MISSISSIPPI—Seashore Methodist Assembly Grounds, Biloxi, Miss. August 10-14
Chairman: Mrs. R. E. Jordan, 1515 Lyncrest, Jackson 2, Miss.
Dean: Mrs. R. R. Priddy, 308 Keener Ave., Jackson, Miss.

NORTH ALABAMA—Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala. August 24-28
Chairman: Mrs. R. M. Howell, 601 Seventh St., Birmingham, Ala.
Dean: Mrs. Jesse Smith, 4725 Avenue R, Birmingham 8, Ala.

NORTH CAROLINA—Duke University, Durham, N. C. August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, N. C.
Dean: Mrs. Dwight L. Founts, Mt. Olive, N. C.

NORTH GEORGIA—Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga. August 24-28
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. George W. Longino, 1155 Cahaba Dr., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI—Camp Lake Stephens, Oxford, Miss. August 18-22
Chairman: Mrs. O. W. Swango, Box 368, Sardis, Miss.
Dean: Mrs. J. G. Carpenter, Water Valley, Miss.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. August 3-7
Chairman: Mrs. Hoyt Bookhart, Rt. 1, Box 278, Orangeburg, S. C.
Dean: Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S. C.

SOUTH GEORGIA—Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga. August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. George Shiplett, Vidalia, Ga.
Dean: Mrs. W. R. Bragg, 1206 N. Madison St., Albany, Ga.

TENNESSEE—Methodist Assembly Grounds, Beersheba Springs, Tenn. July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. George M. Armstrong, Sr., 2008 Beech Ave., Nashville 4, Tenn.
Dean: Mrs. Grady L. Wall, 208 N. Main St., Springfield, Tenn.

VIRGINIA—Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va. August 24-28
Chairman: Mrs. Roy D. Whitlock, 3909 Chamberlayne Ave., Richmond 27, Va.
Dean: Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, 2624 Fairway Dr., Roanoke, Va.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA—Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. Gilmer Harris, Box 506, Cherryville, N. C.
Dean: Mrs. Van Dillon, 105 Gwyn Ave., Elkin, N. C.

WESTERN JURISDICTION

ALASKA MISSION—(Institute) Methodist Church, Anchorage, Alaska April 9-10
Chairman: Mrs. Wayne Hull, Box 425, Kenai, Alaska
Dean: Mrs. Revelle E. Roach, Homer, Alaska

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA—

College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif. July 27-31
Chairman: Mrs. Harold E. Hardman, 4663 James Ave., Castro Valley, Calif.
Dean: Mrs. James Catterall, 5310 Callister Ave., Sacramento 19, Calif.

College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif. August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. Harold E. Hardman, 4663 James Ave., Castro Valley, Calif.
Dean: Mrs. Russell Scothorn, 5259 Proctor Rd., Castro Valley, Calif.

HAWAII MISSION—First Methodist Church, Honolulu, T. H. August 3-7
Chairman: Mrs. Frank E. Butterworth, 643 Ulumaika Pl., Honolulu 15, T. H.
Dean:

IDAHO—College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. Leonard Clark, 241 S. Ninth St., Payette, Idaho
Dean:

MONTANA—Methodist Camp Grounds, Flathead Lake, Rollins, Mont. August 4-7
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Robert Langel, Box 22, Rudyard, Mont.

OREGON—Camp Magruder, Rockaway, Ore. July 19-24
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. C. T. Hunkapillar, 295 S. E. First, Beaverton, Ore.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST—College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. July 13-17
Chairman and Dean: Mrs. Francis M. Kinch, 7717 22nd St., Seattle 13, Wash.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—

Pinecrest—Pinecrest Summer Camp Grounds, Palmer Lake, Colo. July 13-17
Chairman: Mrs. Leo A. Noble, 521 Bross St., Longmont, Colo.
Dean: Mrs. Stowell Sandmeyer, 4175 S. Inca St., Englewood, Colo.

Western Slope Area—(Institute) Methodist Church, Grand Junction, Colo. July 8-9
Chairman: Mrs. Leo A. Noble, 521 Bross St., Longmont, Colo.
Dean: Mrs. William Armstrong, 320½ N. Fifth St., Grand Junction, Colo.

Diamond Ranch—Diamond Ranch, Chugwater, Wyo. July 20-24
Chairman: Mrs. Leo A. Noble, 521 Bross St., Longmont, Colo.
Dean: Mrs. Irvin Goff, 2922 Snyder Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA—

University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif. August 10-14

University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif. August 17-21
Chairman: Mrs. Frank A. Hild, 2821 Coolidge, Los Angeles 39, Calif.
Dean: Mrs. Stanley Pearson, 2369 Crary Ave., Pasadena 7, Calif.

1959 Conference Summer Schools (Girls—Co-Ed)

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA—

Carrie Barge Girls' School of Missions, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa. July 12-18
Dean: Mrs. Victor K. Meredith, Jr., 38 S. Third St., Lewisburg, Pa.

Co-ed School of Missions, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa. July 5-11
Deans: Mrs. Victor K. Meredith, Jr., and Rev. John Wesley Stamm, 1211 Third Ave., Duncansville, Pa.

DETROIT—

GENESEE—Camp Wesleyan for Girls, Epworth Inn, Silver Lake, N. Y. June 29-July 4
Dean: Mrs. Ralph Stenquest, 274 Morgan St., Tonawanda, N. Y.

CENTRAL WEST, KANSAS, MISSOURI, AND SOUTHWEST MISSOURI—School of Missions for Youth, National College, 5123 Truman Rd., Kansas City 1, Mo.

June 7-12 (10th, 11th, 12th grades)
Dean: Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Jr., 3439 Bellefontaine, Kansas City 28, Mo.

June 14-19 (9th grade)
Mrs. Ira Nicklin, Box 328, Oskaloosa, Kan.

June 21-26 (7th, 8th grades)
Dean: Mrs. W. W. Barrow, Clarence, Mo.

June 28-July 3 (7th, 8th grades)
Dean: Mrs. William Clark, 8611 Bristol Rd., Rt. 16, Kansas City 33, Mo.

MINNESOTA—Girls' World Friendship School, Frontenac Methodist Camp, Frontenac, Minn. August 9-15
Dean: Mrs. Charles Spear, 1319 Kandiyohi Ave., Willmar, Minn.

NEBRASKA—Nebraska Youth School of Missions, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. August 10-14
Dean: Mrs. Harold Hoevet, 120 W. 18th St., Grand Island, Neb.

NEW JERSEY—Christian Outreach Fellowship, South Seaville Camp, South Seaville, N. J. June 22-26
Dean: Mrs. John M. Long, 89 W. Main St., Freehold, N. J.

NORTHEAST OHIO—

Lakeside Girls' School, Lakeside, Ohio July 19-24
Dean: Mrs. Charles H. Morrison, 3366 Darrow Rd., Stow, Ohio

Mount Union Girls' School June 21-25
Dean: Mrs. Wade Taylor, 626 Deuber Ave., S. W., Canton 6, Ohio

Bethesda Girls' School of Christian Service, Epworth Park, Bethesda, Ohio August 2-7
Dean: Mrs. Owen Doup, 203 E. Hamtramck St., Mt. Vernon, Ohio

NORTH INDIANA—Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca, Epworth Forest, R. R. 1, Leesburg, Ind. June 21-26
Dean: Mrs. Donald Goette, Taylor University, Upland, Ind.

OHIO—

Sabina Girls' School of Christian Service, Sabina, Ohio June 21-26
Dean: Mrs. James G. Sullivan, Box 1058, Gordon, Ohio

Lakeside Girls' School of Christian Service, Lakeside, Ohio July 27-August 1
Dean: Mrs. Richard A. Black, 311 W. Butler St., Bryan, Ohio

PENINSULA—Girls' School of Missions, Camp Pecometh, Centerville, Md. June 21-26
Dean: Mrs. Earl Sylvester, P. O. Box 218, Harrington, Del.

PHILADELPHIA—Christian Outreach Camp, Pocono Plateau, Cresco, Pa. June 27-July 3
Dean: Miss Mary A. B. Wiser, 1129 Parker Ave., Chester, Pa.

PITTSBURGH—Girls' School of Missions, Methodist Training Center, Jumonville Star Route, Uniontown, Pa. July 5-12
Dean: Mrs. Olin K. Hartley, Box 378, Murrysville, Pa.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA—World Friendship Camp, Idyllwild Pines, Calif. July 11-18
Junior High Dean: Mrs. Harry Sabol, Box 1325, Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif.
Senior High Dean: Mrs. Paul Gerhardt, 1359 E. First St., Mesa, Ariz.

WYOMING—Christian Outreach Camp, Sky Lake, Windsor, N. Y. August 16-22
Dean: Mrs. Howard Elliott, Rt. 1, Whitney Point, N. Y.

Interdenominational Summer Schools

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. June 13-19
Mrs. R. C. Allmon, 204 E. Kansas St., Walters, Okla.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE AND SCHOOL OF MISSIONS, Estes Park, Colo. June 14-20
Mrs. Max Van Hall, 1337 Newport, Denver, Colo.

NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION, East Northfield, Mass. June 28-July 4
Dr. William C. Walzer, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

SILVER BAY CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSIONS, Silver Bay, N. Y. July 8-15
Dr. J. Allan Ranck, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

ECUMENICAL MISSION CONFERENCE, Asilomar, Calif. July 31-Aug. 5
Janet Verkuyl, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco, Calif.

MIDWEST WORLD MISSION INSTITUTE, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. August 3-7
Rev. John Buteyn, 1021 Homecrest Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. August 7-12
Dr. Clark J. Wood, Room 811, 920 Second Ave., Seattle 4, Wash.

CHAUTAUQUA CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION, Chautauqua, N. Y. August 23-28
Dr. Laurence Lange, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

STUDENT WORK

DOROTHY NYLAND, *Secretary*

RELATIONSHIP TO METHODIST STUDENT DAY

by MRS. NETTIE ALICE GREEN

WITHOUT question the secret ambition of every local Secretary of Student Work is to make her job come alive. If she is able to do this in a so-called "blaze of glory" on Methodist Student Day, so much the better. Some local Secretaries of Student Work can, but there are those who have the desire, but who just cannot seem to get their plans off the ground. These are the secretaries about whom we are concerned.

The relationship of the local Secretary of Student Work to Methodist Student Day is very similar to the relationship of the black keys on the piano to the white. Each in its separate way is good, and one can play a tune of sorts on either kind, but when they are combined in a common musical score, the result is a glorious melody attuned to every ear. A local secretary must first realize that she is just one cog in the machinery necessary to make a successful Methodist Student Day observance. Working alone is possible but it is not feasible if one is to achieve good results.

We would first hope that all local Secretaries of Student Work are persons dedicated to the cause of students—their college careers and the Student Loan and Scholarship Funds which make it possible for many of them to receive a higher education. We would also hope that they are interested in them as individuals, and not just another "blue card" to be sent to the college campus before August 1. Above all, the Secretary of Student Work in the local Society should establish good rapport with the pastor and the Commission on Education with whom she works.

Some of the enthusiasm needed to make a "go" of Methodist Student Day may be obtained by reading the *Handbook*. However, a great deal more depends on the imagination one uses in effecting a different approach to an annual observance. If a church is fortunate enough to have a membership keenly interested in the cause of students and the scholarship and loan program, then the job for that local secretary is not too difficult. But, in churches where one must "prime the pump" months ahead before the special day, it requires imagination, determination, cooperation, and a little dash of luck to make the program come off.

In the Lexington Conference we feel that "all action is local," to borrow a phrase from the Christian Social Relations Department. We are wholly convinced that if the local Secretary of Student Work in every church is properly motivated, she can work with the help of the pastor and the rest of the church in making Methodist Student Day annually one of the highlights of the conference year. To that end we have established an annual one-day training workshop in March for all local Secretaries of Student Work.

For a conference whose geographical area covers seven states, this is a mammoth undertaking, coupled with the added fact that all secretaries come at their own expense since there is no travel pool. Nevertheless since the beginning three years ago, the average attendance of local secretaries is 60 per cent with all five district student secretaries attending. These meetings feature the flip-over chart, work groups, forum and panel discussions, lectures from outstanding persons in the field of Christian education. The March, 1958. Workshop had as its featured speaker Dr. Everette L. Walker, director of the Scholarship and Loan Fund at the Board of Education in Nashville.

The inspiration gained firsthand from Dr. Walker's visit, and the opportunity for all local Secretaries of Student Work to know him personally and to have him answer their questions in an informal setting, was more than worth the effort it took to get all of them there. The exchange across jurisdictional lines in the leadership of the workshop and discussion leaders was another gratifying feature which we feel is also responsible for its success. The cooperation received from the personnel of the Wesley Foundation at the local university and the book display made possible by Literature Headquarters of the Woman's Division and the Board of Education added to the total impact of the conference.

The ultimate result of this endeavor in the Lexington Conference, which has attracted pastors, laymen, and other interested officers and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, has been in the monetary increase of Student Day offerings. It has proven that local Secretaries of Student Work are eager to do their jobs and will do them well if they are properly motivated and trained to do so. Unfortunately, many of them do not have the opportunity of clinic training at a School of Missions during their tenure of office. However, the annual workshop idea offers an opportunity for training every year plus the added fellowship of other Secretaries of Student Work with problems and plans comparable to their own.

The local Secretary of Student Work is the connecting link to the Methodist Student Day program in the local church. No effort should be spared to see that she is well-trained for leadership to carry out her duties.

YOUTH WORK

HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Acting Secretary*

WORK CAMPS FOR METHODIST YOUTH

MANY young people seek ways to give a tangible expression of their Christian faith. A work camp is one answer. A service project entered into voluntarily can help young people find new meaning in Christian faith. Voluntary service projects are important in the Christian education of young people.

A work camp offers one type of voluntary service. A bulletin prepared for MYF leaders states:

> A work camp is a service project involving physical labor that makes a significant contribution to a particular situation and community. In a work camp the mental, emotional, and spiritual development of the young people is greatly influenced by the interaction of the members of the group—meeting problems, overcoming tensions, settling disagreements, making plans, accepting each member of the group, etc. A work camp is usually held in a situation involving elements of social significance where there is a chance to learn about the problems, background, and culture of the people, and the geographical locations, and to make a contribution to the community life.

Each summer a limited number of work camps for seniors and older youth are set up on a national basis. These work camps are sponsored jointly by the Youth Department, Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The 1959 national MYF work camps will be held at:

Camp Merry Ledges of the Wesley Community House, Louisville, Kentucky, June 16-July 14; Camp Dogwood of Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tennessee, June 30-July 28; Dulac Indian Center, Dulac, Louisiana, June 25-July 23.

The jobs to be done in the work camps will be varied. For instance, Wesley Community House is developing its camp and camping program. The work campers will help in developing the camp facilities which will call for the erection of some cabins. The work at Bethlehem Center in Nashville will be focused on construction and repair jobs to improve Camp Dogwood. At Dulac the work campers will paint the exterior of buildings. move playground equipment, build retaining walls and kindergarten equipment and assist in day camp. All of these jobs will provide an opportunity for concrete expression of a desire to serve.

The standards for these work camps are high. For example, in respect to personnel only thirty young people are selected out of many more applicants. Seniors and older youth to qualify for this voluntary service must have a sincere Christian commitment and strong personal faith, and a cooperative spirit. An applicant must have proved dependable, able to carry responsibility, and resourceful. To qualify one must have completed at least the sophomore year in high school, be in good physical condition, and be active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. All applications must reach Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, by *May 1.* Have you encouraged any young people in your conference. your local church to participate in a work camp? Any questions about qualifications, financial obligations or any other requirements should be directed to Mr. Bell.

The situations where the work campers will serve must meet high standards, too. We quote again from the bulletin stating standards for projects:

> —They must be real and be significant to young people.
> —the work involved should make a real contribution to the particular situation.
> —the project should be one which would be difficult or impossible to have were it not for the work camp.
> —there should be sufficient work for the personnel available.
> —local people should be involved in planning for the project and working with the project group. Plan carefully for their participation during the entire time of the project. This is important.

A word about expense is in order. Each work camper will be responsible for his transportation to and from the work camp and for all expenses which are strictly personal. Each camper pays an Activities Fee of $25.00 to cover such things as health and accident insurance, educational and sightseeing trips, literature. Any unused portion of this fee is refunded. Board and room are furnished by the institution where the work camp is held.

We are grateful that it is possible for the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Youth Department to work together in this important phase of the MYF.

CHILDREN'S WORK

MONA E. KEWISH, *Secretary*

REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

ONE of the most significant things that happened this year for Secretaries of Children's Work has been the 2-Day Regional Training Conferences held in the following cities:

February 17-18, Chicago, Illinois; March 6-7, Berkeley, California; March 11-12, Atlanta, Georgia; March 18-19, Nashville, Tennessee; April 14-15, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; May 6-7, Kansas City, Missouri.

By the time this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN is in the hands of the reader, some of these conferences will be over.

When the Standing Committee on Children's Work first met to begin plans for these conferences, it was suggested that conference directors be invited to participate along with conference secretaries. It is anticipated that as a result of these conferences there will be a better understanding of the cooperative relationship of the director and the secretary, and how they may better plan together for leadership training for all children's workers. It is also anticipated that there will be "follow up" planning which will give guidance on future study and work together for children's workers in all areas of Christian education.

Miss Muriel Coltrane, Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, and Miss Mona Kewish have given cooperative leadership in all meetings.

Have You Stopped to Evaluate?

This is a good time in the year to evaluate your work as Secretary of Children's Work in the area of missionary education. Are you satisfied? If not, why not? What needs to be done? Sometimes things are discovered which need to be changed, but there is no way to change. Sometimes a change is needed, and the leader, through careful evaluation, may discover how a change can be made effectively.

In every evaluation, it is necessary to ask three basic questions. *Why? What? How?* These questions may be stated in different forms and may be applied in different ways, but they are always necessary. Why did it happen? What did we want to happen? How did it happen? How can we make it happen again? Or, how can we prevent the undesirable from happening? These are always the terms we use when we evaluate methods, techniques, and working structure for meetings, classes, or other activities.

At this time, we will consider only our work in missionary education. To evaluate, we will use the same basic questions, Why? What? How? The *Why* and *What* of missionary education are closely related, but the *What* and *How* will be determined largely by the leader's answer to the question *Why?*

Why is missionary education important? Why did Jesus give His great commission, "Go teach"? Why have Christians continued to accept this commission? Why is missionary education important for children? Each leader must answer these questions for herself before she can evaluate what is happening to others. With a firm belief in her own *"Why?"* she can then begin to consider the *What* and the *How.*

What are leaders trying to tell boys and girls through the program of missionary education? There is a danger that the leader may be so concerned with the idea of missionary education as a means of giving gifts to someone who is less fortunate, that the real meaning of missions will not be conveyed. As we consider *What* we are trying to tell, do we help children to understand that God is the Father of all people, and that every race and cultural group has an important contribution to make to God's plan for harmony and peace in the world?

Another part of the *What* is a concern that we help children to learn about the missionary program of the church and how they can help to carry on this work through their own offerings to the Children's Service Fund and other sharing activities? What have we been telling children about giving?

The *How* of missionary education is also important. Questions such as these need to be asked: How have materials been presented? Has there been a continued interest? Has adequate opportunity been given for work, play, worship? Have the children participated in the planning, discussion, and work activities? How have the children been stimulated to share with others? How can better results be achieved next time?

The effective leader pauses often to evaluate. She thinks of her purposes and what she has tried to accomplish. She thinks of what she has anticipated would happen to others. She works to eliminate her weaknesses, and strengthens what is valuable. The effectiveness of a leader may be the outcome of her ability to evaluate. Evaluation is one of the most important tools to effective leadership.

Let me remind you to read the Calendar of Activities every month and note your specific activity. This month the calendar is on page four.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

REPORTS FROM JURISDICTIONS

Presented by Jurisdiction Secretaries at the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MISS NORA BUBB, *Secretary*

Miss Nora Bubb

I LIKE to think of reports as picture windows through which we can see what is going on inside the Guilds. Through the picture windows represented by the annual report of 1957-58, we see within the Northeastern Jurisdiction evidences of growth in various areas not necessarily reflected in statistical reports. In the over-all evaluation, conference Guild secretaries report:

- Increased interest and attendance at Guild Weekends and meetings, with greater participation by individual members; better cooperation within the conferences.
- Growing interest in missions through mission study.
- Increased giving, especially to missions, Week of Prayer, Cash for Supply Work.
- Changed attitudes because of programs on human relations.
- Better understanding and cooperation between the Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service, attributed to the Promotion Workshops. In several conferences this has led to organization of new Guilds by the Woman's Society.
- Growth in understanding of the over-all program as members become better informed on Guild organization, resulting in deeper commitment to the work.
- Increased efforts to interest the young business woman in the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild and to organize new units of younger women so they may be trained for places of leadership.
- Greater personal spiritual growth.

Also, as we look through the picture windows of the Annual Report, we find problems and areas calling for special attention:

—to improve reporting at all levels.

—to increase membership with emphasis on reaching the unchurched employed woman.

—to organize new Guilds.

—to reach women who are "operatives" and to organize Guilds for them or bring them into the fellowship of units already organized.

Our jurisdiction had good representation at both the Assembly and the Guild Weekend. Seventeen conferences were represented with over seventy Guild members attending the Assembly Guild Weekend. At the jurisdiction meeting, we had a "Do-It-Yourself" program using the talents within our standing committee.

We began the year with five new conference secretaries. Eleven conferences were represented at the Jurisdiction School of Missions; continued efforts are being made to have each conference represented. In view of our losses in units and membership last year, membership with emphasis on the assimilation of new members, how to hold Guilds, and in addition, financial promotion within the framework of stewardship were highlighted during the Guild Clinic sessions. A special educational program in regard to proper channeling of supply askings has been developed.

The loyal support, cooperation, fine leadership, and dedicated service of the members of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee are deeply appreciated.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MRS. E. V. ENNIS, *Secretary*

Mrs. E. V. Ennis

"The Spirit of Christ for all of Life" has been our theme for the past two years. I am sure we all admit we have not achieved the true meaning of our theme nor attained the ultimate aim.

However, we have accomplished some of the aims in mission study. This year two additional conferences put on successful study Weekends patterned on the conference schools. This now makes eight, just half, of our conferences using this method to educate and promote education. I believe it is this method that has kept Southeastern leading in jurisdiction recognition classes. I had the privilege of attending two of these eight study Weekends.

We rejoice that an extra Wesleyan Service Guild representative was included from every conference in the jurisdiction school this past summer—the Chairman of Missionary Education. The plan is to allow the Chairman of Christian Social Relations to have this advantage next year. This advance was due to the efforts and enthusiasm of Louise Branscomb and the

encouragement of Lillian Johnson. Then we were able to cite other jurisdictions as examples of the good this method could do our members. Thanks to all of you!

The second Public Relations Seminar was held last fall and a Guild representative was allowed to attend. The meeting planned by Methodist Information was held in Nashville, Tennessee, with jurisdiction and conference representation. I hope our publicity will improve!

Eight of the sixteen conferences were represented at the Industrial Relations Conference in Cincinnati. I was gratified at the fine participation of every Guild representative in this important meeting. The jurisdiction secretary also attended.

I have had some fine experiences this year visiting mission projects. For the first time I visited Mothers' Memorial Center and Esther Hall in Cincinnati. One of my dreams has been to visit Literature Headquarters. So I arrived a little early for the Industrial Relations Conference and took a tour to these special institutions. Two of them will soon be moving to new locations because of the throughways that are being built in Cincinnati.

Our goals have not been attained, but we are still working!

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Mrs. C. E. Jeter, *Secretary*

Mrs. C. E. Jeter

The membership of the Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild as of October, 1958, stood at 4,809; an increase of 104 members with six or seven non-reporting conferences. Two units of the Chicago District, Lexington Conference, were transferred to other conferences, leaving 254 units in the Central Jurisdiction.

The total giving to missions at the last reporting date was $8,570.44. Our pledge last year was $8,000. We are happy over our increase in giving. Most of the Supply Work was done through cash giving. *Handbooks* were recommended and used more than ever.

Missionary Education has improved. All reporting conferences completed at least one approved study course. Many attended Educational Seminars and Conferences. Attendance at Conference Schools of Missions was at an all-time high. The Jurisdiction School of Missions at Gulfside had its usual attendance, being at the extreme end of the jurisdiction. One missionary was sent to Africa from Lexington Conference. Coaching Conferences were held on conference and district levels. Church-wide study is being held in most instances.

The Status of Women has received attention. Most Guild members report active participation on all important boards and commissions of the local church. The Service Activity file is used by all and some are active in other areas of interest.

Literature is widely used. All conferences have reported from time to time the use of *Program Book* and *Worship Booklets*, The Methodist Woman and World Outlook, the *Do You Know?* pamphlets, and other free pamphets and the *Annual Report*.

Reports on Christian Social Relations included Citizenship Brunches. Some worked with Governor's Traffic Safety Program in their state; some with the United Church Women; some visited the United Nations. We sent delegates to the Industrial Relations Conference.

More emphasis has been placed on Spiritual Life cultivation. Guild members are planning more meaningful worship settings and programs. Participation with the Commission on Evangelism has been gratifying. All special days were observed. Prayer Groups were prevalent in some areas; some practice tithing.

Promotional activities have been limited because of funds, but in certain instances Lillian Johnson and others of the standing committee have been available at Guild Weekends and conferences. Thanks to them. Guild Month has been planned by all.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Miss Frieda Blum, *Secretary*

Miss Frieda Blum

The past year seems to have been a busy one for the conference and jurisdiction officers in terms of meetings attended, letters mailed, and other promotional activities. So, as the June reports were made showing 906 units with a membership of 23,603 (an increase of one-half per cent) and only a two per cent increase in payments on appropriations, I was a bit disappointed that so much activity had seemed to produce so little in measurable results. On the brighter side for a 12½ per cent increase in the number of members in study classes and a nine per cent increase in Cash and Value of Supply Work. This last figure brought the realization that we continue to need a true interpretation of the relation of Pledge and Supply Work Giving. We did come much closer to meeting our askings this year, but still $1.00 in every $8.00 of Cash for Supply Work went to institutions *other* than those on our list of askings. We must realize that it is impossible to measure in statistics the most important results of our work in changed lives and deeper dedication.

One of our advances for this year is having three chairmen. A standing rule of the jurisdiction was set aside for a year to permit us to have two chairmen who were not

conference secretaries. Miss Helen Rayner is serving as Chairman of Missionary Education and Service and Miss Viletta Hillery as Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Martha Harvey, who is Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee of the standing committee, also serves in the same capacity in the jurisdiction.

These chairmen conducted helpful sessions at our fourth Jurisdiction Weekend in Fargo, North Dakota, last October. We were pleased to have Louise Nichols as banquet speaker, and to have one of the ministers conduct communion. While our attendance was smaller than at previous meetings, because of the location, we did have many from Minnesota and North Dakota who never had an opportunity to attend a Jurisdiction Weekend.

Every conference holds an annual meeting or a Guild Weekend and several conferences have both. Indiana Conference had its first Guild Weekend in August, 1958. North-East Ohio Conference is planning its first annual meeting for April, 1959.

We are working on the goals of increasing the membership and the amount paid toward appropriations. We also encourage study classes and aim for a better understanding of Supply Work as well as trying to work out some of the problems in reporting Cash for Supply Work. There seems to be a growing understanding of the need for the reports of the Secretary of Promotion, though there are still problems. Last October we had the best percentage of reporting we have ever had in the first report of the year.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

MRS. H. C. PLETZ, *Secretary*

The South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild membership continues to increase with each quarter's reports. The conference secretaries of this jurisdiction have worked continuously and effectively to create interest and

Mrs. H. C. Pletz

concern for the working women in our communities who are unchurched and unreached.

In 1957-58, we gained 5,353 new members. In the first quarter of this year, we gained 2,396. Our total membership is now 34,177. Our greatest concern and biggest challenge is to see that we do not lose members we now have on our rolls.

The Guild Weekend held in connection with the Fifth Assembly in St. Louis was well attended by our members. The recommendations from this meeting were mimeographed and mailed to each local president for implementation on the local level.

The jurisdiction has seven new conference secretaries. There continues to be a splendid working relationship between the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In August, the jurisdiction sponsored a "Trip With a Mission," which took sixteen of our Guild women to Alaska, Japan, Hong Kong, Manila, and Hawaii, visiting twenty-seven churches and projects along the way. Five conferences also reported Missionary Education Tours.

We have increased our Pledge to Missions by four-and-a-half per cent.

Five hundred eighty-six attended the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. Two hundred nineteen letters of appreciation came to the jurisdiction secretary before August 1, which would indicate a general interest in the Wesleyan Service Guild program. The weekend program was arranged to present the general organization of the Woman's Division and the responsibility of each local officer to the total program.

The number of studies taken for jurisdiction credit has increased with each report. Coaching Conferences were held in all conferences in 1958, and all conferences have chairmen of lines of work.

More prayer retreats were held in 1957-58 than ever before. Louise Eggleston led five retreats in the jurisdiction and all reported large attendance.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity and privilege to work with these dedicated, consecrated women.

WESTERN JURISDICTION

MRS. CLARENCE JONES, *Secretary*

Mrs. Clarence Jones

Western Jurisdiction has shown growth in the past year in many phases of Guild work. We have had a net gain of twenty-five new units, with a total of 440 units now in the jurisdiction. Of this number, 387 reported on time for the annual report last June, and at the end of the report period for October all conferences were on time, with four reporting 100 per cent, one 96 per cent, and one 92 per cent out of a total of ten conferences. Last year our membership stood at 9,580, a net gain of 665 members. I hope that we can soon reach a total of 10,000 members in Western Jurisdiction.

The number of study courses showed an improvement over last year, with 310 reported and a total of 3,126 members participating. In giving, Guild members showed \$59,416.09 paid to missions, an increase of about \$9,000.00, \$5,395.25 to cultivation funds, \$3,658.72 for Week of Prayer, \$354.00 to Magazine and Picture Fund, and \$3,610.34 to Supplementary Giving. For Cash for Supply Work Guilds gave \$9,801.21, an increase of \$350.00 over last year. Our per capita giving to the work of the

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LITERATURE and PUBLICATIONS

MRS. C. C. LONG, *Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature*

DEAR READER:

April is the month for your Society to outshine all others in the drive for new combination subscriptions. We are counting on you as an individual member of your Woman's Society of Christian Service to assist your Secretary of Literature and Publications in every possible way to increase the number of new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Will you invite a new member of the church to subscribe to our two fine missionary magazines at $3.30—truly a bargain for the twenty-three issues full of timely information. Then take this member as your guest to the April meeting, where you may have the privilege of introducing her and announcing her new subscription.

You need have no apologies for an effort to sell our two magazines. THE METHODIST WOMAN carries much fine information and current stories of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It gives you vital information about the projects of the Woman's Division and the places your contribution strengthens and supports.

WORLD OUTLOOK, under "Letters" each month, has a program that with ingenuity possessed by versatile Society members may be used to excellent advantage in circles.

I have just finished turning the pages of the January issue of WORLD OUTLOOK. In January and February your Society studied the Middle East, so you will be especially interested in the pictorial article, "Self-Help for Gaza Refugees." Every reader will wish to save the picture section on "Methodism in Liberia Today" for use and more intelligent understanding of the African study in 1959-60.

Indeed both magazines are indispensable for the well-informed church woman.

In addition to the personal advantage in reading the magazines your Society might be one to win an award of a free combination subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, which may be given to a shut-in.

1. A combination subscription is available for the Society which reports the most new combination subscriptions in each of the following categories:

—a Society under 25 members
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3. Finally, if your Society has five or more new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, it will be listed in THE METHODIST WOMAN and your Secretary of Literature and Publications will receive an emblem pin of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

It is very evident that you and your cooperation are most essential to the success of the April subscription effort. We feel assured we can count on you.

Sincerely,
MRS. C. C. LONG

Literature Presentation

The following literature presentation was given by Mrs. George Eagle at the Brooklyn South District Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Annual Spring Meeting in April, 1958. As each piece of literature was mentioned it was held up for the audience to see. Mrs. Eagle is now Secretary of Literature and Publications of the New York East Conference.

ONE day a stranger called upon one of our ministers on Long Island. When he was ushered into the minister's office, he explained that he was looking for a certain woman. He was not sure of her name, but he had such a good description of her he was hoping the minister would recognize and identify her as a member of his congregation. The minister replied that he would be glad to help if he could and asked the stranger what the woman was like.

"Well," the stranger began, "I know she is a METHODIST WOMAN. And I am sure she must have a WORLD OUTLOOK. They tell me that her *Guide* and *Handbook* are two often used tools. Her Bible and her *Prayer Calendar* are used daily in her personal meditations, as she lifts our mission workers everywhere in prayer. Her *Annual Report* is constantly referred to for information. She loves to work out *Ceremonials* for the organizations of the church and is *A Mile Ahead* of most women I know in *Making the UN a Part of Family Life.*"

"Wait a minute," the minister interrupted, "I think I know who you mean. Is she interested in *A Widening Way?*" "That's right," the stranger said. "And," the minister continued, "*Do You Know* if she believes that *The Formative Years* are the best time of life to learn *What Does the Lord Require of You?*"

"Yes," the stranger said excitedly, "now we are talking about the same woman. And she knows, too, that *A Christian's Primer of Human Rights* placed *In Your Hands* will do much to guide your *Decision and Destiny.* On her desk is her *World Bank* in which she places her extra change for over and above giving to missions. Beside it is a *Message From India,* together with a copy of the directory of *Methodist Service Projects.* Her personal library includes a file of material on what Medical, Educational, and Evangelistic Missionaries are doing in Latin America, India, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world."

"Let Me Remember," the minister cried, "I'm sure I know her well. She must be the woman who will *Say a Prayer With Me* for the sick and distressed at any time. She *is* a member of our church and of our Woman's Society of Christian Service. I'm sure her name is 'Legion.'"

"Well," the stranger said dubiously, "I was under the impression it was 'All Too Few.'"

Do *you* recognize this woman? Is she a member of *your* church and Society? And who had the right name for her?

Reports From Jurisdictions

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Woman's Division is $8.48, and to missions alone $6.55.

We had a most successful clinic at the School of Missions. The most important thing was the adoption of "Patterns for Progress" printed in the December issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. These patterns account for our better reporting in October.

We now have three active chairmen of lines of work who are in close touch with the conference chairmen. Our Chairman of Spiritual Life, Eva Mae Seidlitz, has done a magnificent job in getting materials to the conferences, and our other two chairmen just elected, Mary Munger for Christian Social Relations, and Martha Lort for Missionary Education, already have sent letters to the conference chairmen. Since these women are not conference secretaries they have more time to devote to this work. We are concentrating on these three because of limitations of travel money.

With help from the jurisdiction cultivation fund four Guild women were able to attend the Conference on Industrial Relations in Cincinnati last fall. We expect to send material from them to all local Guilds.

About forty Guild members from Western Jurisdiction attended the Assembly, which we considered a good number because of the distance. We did not have a Jurisdiction Weekend this year, but we are looking forward to our 1959 meeting in Portland when Mrs. J. Fount Tillman and Lillian Johnson will be our guests.

During the year I attended Guild Weekends in Pacific Northwest, Idaho, and California-Nevada Conferences, and plan attendance in Montana, Rocky Mountain, and Oregon Conferences this coming year. Because of travel costs I cannot be at all of the meetings I would like to attend. Much of our work is done through an active correspondence with the jurisdiction standing committee. My deepest appreciation goes to the conference secretaries and the chairmen of lines of work.

PROGRAM TOPICS

SEPTEMBER, 1959—AUGUST, 1960

"THERE'S A LIGHT UPON THE MOUNTAINS"

For Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds

The *Program Book* includes a General Program and a Circle Program for every month.

SEPTEMBER: "A New Year—New Responsibilities"

General Program, by Elizabeth Watson and Maude White Hardie.

Circle Program, same writers

OCTOBER: "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs"

General Program, "Good News of Peace and Life," by Kenneth L. Maxwell.

Circle Program, "Faces to Reflect the Light," by Mabel Martin.

NOVEMBER: Moving Populations

General Program, "Social Creeds and Moving Populations," by Maude White Hardie.

Circle Program, "Relocated Chinese Christians," by Mabel Ruth Nowlin.

DECEMBER: Christmas Around the World

General Program, "There's a Hush of Expectation," by Betty Jane Goold.

Circle Program, "A Light for the Nations," by Marietta Mansfield.

JANUARY: "Africa"

General Program, "The Golden Cord of Service," by Esma Rideout Booth.

Circle Program, "Your Light Has Come," by Beulah Reitz.

FEBRUARY: City Missions

General Program, "This Is the Day . . ." by Amy Lee.

Circle Program, by Louise Larsen.

MARCH: Stewardship

General Program, "How Total Is My Stewardship?" by Martha M. Harvey.

Circle Program, "Concerning the Stewardship of the Church," by Joyce Hill.

APRIL: "The Church's Mission in Town and Country"

General Program, "New Lights for Town and Country," by Anne McKenzie and Rosemary Nixon.

Circle Program, "Turning On the Lights," by the same writers.

MAY: Pledge Service

General Program, "Jesus the Light of the World," by Frances D. Smith.

Circle Program, "Matches to Light the Candles," by Alice S. Detwiler.

JUNE: Recruitment

General Program, "Set Apart for Me," by Peggy Billings.

Circle Program, "Send Ye Forth With Joy," by Jewell F. Hamel.

JULY: Leisure Time

General Program, "The Christian's Use of Leisure," by Florence Hooper.

Circle Program, "From a Missionary's Diary," by Elizabeth Johannaber.

AUGUST: Work Among Children

General Program, "Light for Today's Children," by Mona Kewish.

Circle Program, "The Heartbeats of Our Love," same writer.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

RECENT ARRIVALS FROM:

AFRICA: *Central Congo* — Miss Gwendolyn Sue Dunham, R.N., 413 S. Manning Street, Muncie, Indiana.

INDIA—Miss Mabel Sheldon (Regular), c/o Mrs. Don Sheldon, 1245 W. Maroposa, Stockton, California (Temporary address).

JAPAN—Miss Mary Belle Oldridge, c/o Miss Margaret Billingsley, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

KOREA—Miss Betty Snead (Term completed), c/o Miss Margaret Billingsley, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

LATIN AMERICA: *Peru*—Miss Treva Overholt, (Regular) Box 393, Evart, Michigan; Miss Dorothy Sandfort, 8027 Darryl Street, Lemon Grove, California.

Brazil — Miss Alice Denison, (Regular) Route 2, Box 406, Waco, Texas.

RECENT DEPARTURES FOR:

INDIA—Miss Irene Wells (Regular).

JAPAN—Miss Elizabeth Howell (Regular).

KOREA — Misses Marion Conrow (Regular), Dorothy Hubbard (Regular).

SOUTHEAST ASIA: *Malaya*—Miss Mabel Mitchell (Regular).

Philippines — Miss Janice Johnson (Special term), Miss Marjorie Tyson, (Regular).

In Memoriam

Mrs. V. F. DeVinny, retired staff member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, died on January 10, 1959, at the Walker Methodist Home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she had resided for the past several years. Elected in 1940 as the first executive secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation, Mrs. DeVinny retired during the summer of 1944.

Her acceptance of responsibility through the years exemplified the way leaders are developed in the work of Methodist women. In the beginning her active leadership was in the former Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church: a local officer, a district officer, president of the Minnesota Conference one year, conference corresponding secretary six years, and member of the Board of Trustees of the national Woman's Home Missionary Society five years. All this was volunteer service.

In 1930 Mrs. DeVinny was elected national corresponding secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, a paid staff position. She served with distinction for ten years, greatly strengthening the work by her creative and workable plans and methods.

Then came unification. With her background and experience, Mrs. DeVinny was the logical choice for the organizational and promotional work of the new united organization. She brought great gifts to her task as executive secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation: ability, buoyancy, courage, diplomacy, and a fine Christian spirit.

Mrs. DeVinny was a woman of stature. Gracious and understanding in her contacts, she left a mark upon the organization which time has not obliterated though with her death another link with the past has been severed.

Miss Elizabeth Curry was born in Bickles Fork, Braxton County, West Virginia, September 3, 1872. She attended high school in Smith Center, Kansas, was graduated from the Kansas City Training School, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1908 and received her degree of Bachelor of Religious Education in 1931. Miss Curry spent her entire deaconess career on the faculty of the Kansas City Training School as teacher of church history and missions. She passed away on December 26, 1958, at Ashfork, Arizona, where she made her home with the Reverend Gertrude Maye Parker, following retirement in 1933.

Interment took place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California.

Miss Ida Schnackel, born April 16, 1891, in Potawatami County, Iowa, and a graduate of the Iowa National Training School, Des Moines, died January 16, 1959, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss Schnackel served as a deaconess in parish work in Bridgeport, Ohio, and New Castle, Pennsylvania. She also served as superintendent of the Irene Maitland Deaconess Home and Settlement in New Castle. In 1946 Miss Schnackel was called to Hancock, Iowa, because of family responsibility. She assumed the retired relationship in January, 1958.

Mrs. Magdalene Weatherstone Black, a retired deaconess, passed away at her home in Paris, Ontario, Canada on December 17, 1958, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Black received her early education in Canada and served as a deaconess there from 1917-1919. Following her graduation from the Lucy Webb Hayes Nurse Training School, Sibley Hospital, Washington, D. C., in 1923, she served as nurse in the following institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service: Medical Mission Dispensary, Boston, Massachusetts; The Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Georgia, Erie School, Olive Hill, Kentucky, and Robinecroft Rest Home, Pasadena, California. She retired from active service in April, 1951.

Annuity Gift

"An annuity gift is a form of philanthropic gift of principal with the condition that interest to a certain per cent be paid to the donor in the form of annuity." *Webster's International Dictionary.*

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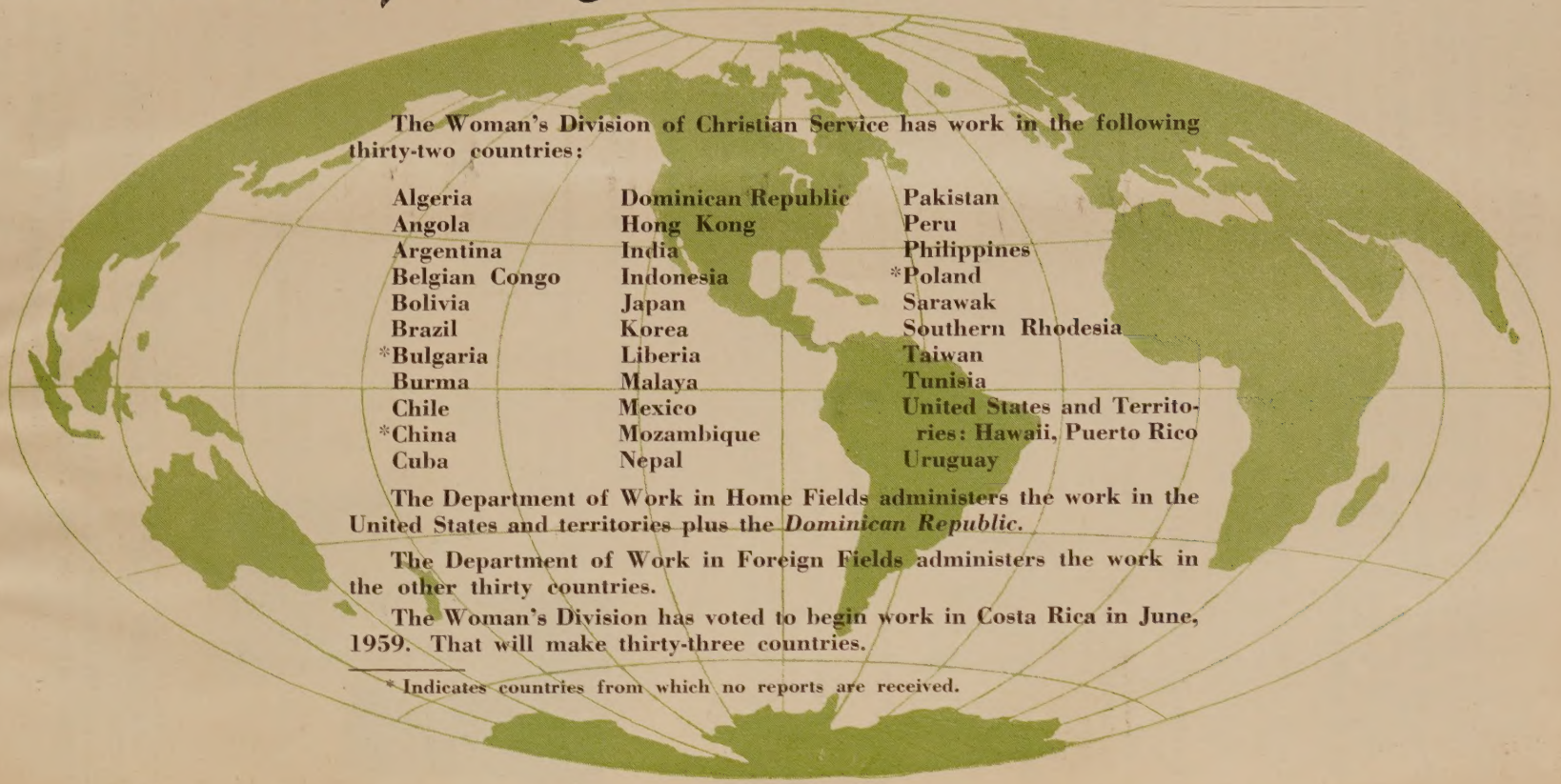

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has work in the following thirty-two countries:

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*Bulgaria	Liberia	Taiwan
Burma	Malaya	Tunisia
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The Department of Work in Home Fields administers the work in the United States and territories plus the *Dominican Republic.*

The Department of Work in Foreign Fields administers the work in the other thirty countries.

The Woman's Division has voted to begin work in Costa Rica in June, 1959. That will make thirty-three countries.

*Indicates countries from which no reports are received.

My World Bank place mats are available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, five cents; 25 for $1.00.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Methodist Service Projects, 1959. A directory of Christian vocations in The Methodist Church. 15 cents.

Program Flier, 1959-60. Leaflet outlining the topics of the programs from September 1959 through August 1960. Free.

Oh Yes You Can! Revised leaflet giving reasons for joining the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Free.

Youth Program Calendar. Describes contents of 1959-60 youth program book, *From Trails to Highways.* To be used as a calendar for program meetings of World Friendship Groups of Girls. Free.

Nineteenth Annual Report. Information on every department of the Woman's Division. Names and addresses of missionaries and deaconesses, up-to-date list of administrative and conference officers, statistical and financial reports. A "must" for every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. $1.00.

Prayer Calendar, 1959. Projects and missionaries and deaconesses of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Division of World Missions, and the Division of National Missions, listed for daily prayer. 60 cents; 3 for $1.50.

IMPORTANT

A *very limited number* of copies of the May issue of *The Methodist Woman*, containing the Officers' Letter File for 1959-60, will be available at 25 cents per copy.

Supplementary Materials for your May program: "The World to Christ We Bring"

Pledge Card. For regular pledge in Woman's Societies of Christian Service. Free.

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Annuity Dollars Make a Difference. Explanation of the Annuity Plan of the Woman's Division. Free.

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Do You Know? Work of the Home Department. 35 cents.

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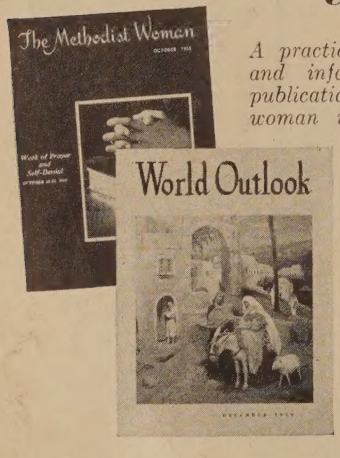

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